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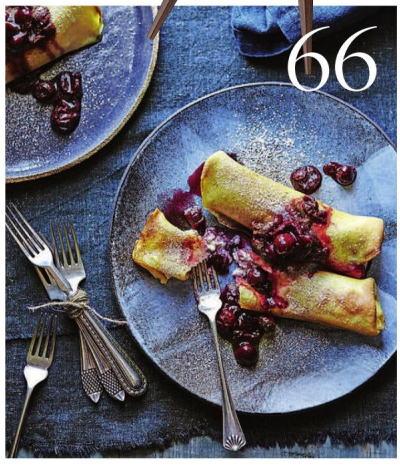

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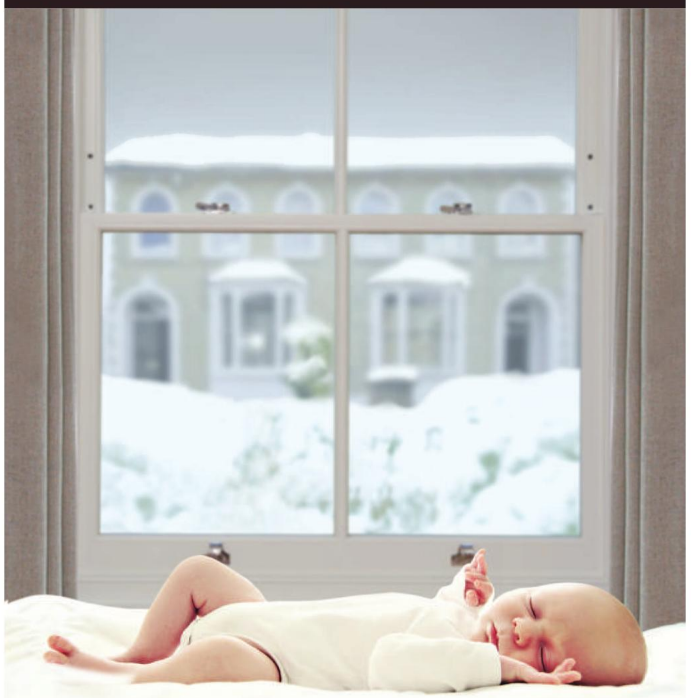

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Letter from the EDITOR

Balham used to hold bad memories for me. Growing up pre-career, I lived out in Surrey and for my first job in journalism I had to catch a train to Balham, before jumping on the Tube to head to north London. Most days it was a horror show, with packed crowds both inside and outside of the Tube, and I used to arrive for work ready to go home.

How times change. If that was me now, stopping off in SW12 every day, I would leave extra early (or come home a little later) to truly take in everything the area now has to offer. The Bedford still stands proudly on the corner of Bedford Hill, as it did back then, but now all around it are more fabulous pubs, splendid restaurants and little community shops. Happy days.

Speaking of memories, Jason Flemyng proved to be a captivating interviewee this month when Madeleine Howell caught up him at a very special reading at the Merton Arts Space. It got me thinking back to the time when *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Snatch* were released - memories I cherish.

Talking about reasons to cheer, we realise that February is still held in the seemingly never-ending grasp of winter, so there's plenty of colour dotted throughout this issue. Kara O'Reilly's inspirations piece takes it to the letter by looking at the experts who can really add an enticing shade to your home. Our esteemed food writer Sudi Pigott has a new book out soon that's an ode to the pancake and, well, it's flipping good, as you will see on page 66. Then there's the colourful story of Britannia Row Studios and how a former studio manager of Pink Floyd has transformed it into a home for the 21st century. And, no, we haven't forgotten about Valentine's Day, but in case you have, see page 15.

Mark Kebble, Editor

Where to go and what to eat in Balham

Trinity's Adam Byatt serves up an exemplary spaghetti vongole

Meet the south west London lifestyle blogger behind Mummy in the City

AN *Extraordinary* GENTLEMAN

Jason Flemyng on the joys of acting, fatherhood, and making his own films

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

Clapham local and A-list actor Jason Flemyng is perhaps best known for his role as Tom in Guy Ritchie's magnum opus, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* (1998). Never a day goes by, he tells me, when someone doesn't ask him what he did with those guns (famously, the film has a humdinger of an ambiguous ending – but no spoilers).

Although he plays bad well, Flemyng is no one-trick pony. As well as bagging roles in the likes of *X-Men*, *Snatch*, *Stardust*, and *The League of Extraordinary Gentleman*, his portrayal of Joe Gargery in the 2012 adaptation of *Great Expectations* was, for him, a turning point in his career. 'I'm romantic about the novel, because *Great Expectations* was one of the first projects I worked on that broke away from urban street films,' he reflects.

Ritchie's movies have defined his career, he admits. 'You just hope that you're not only remembered for one thing,' he says. 'For a lot of years it was like, "it's that guy from *Lock Stock* whose name I can't remember". Everyone else married supermodels or became millionaires,' he jokes. 'You know what I mean? Like Statham and Vaughn and all those guys. Luckily for me, *Great Expectations* came along, as well as *X-Men* and *Benjamin Button*.'

On the red carpet with wife Elly Fairman

The story of *Great Expectations* still has an element of criminality and darkness, so what kind of role is he naturally drawn to? 'Joe is a lovely character, but I think all my no-good villains have still got a sensitivity and likeability to them. When I play a part it's very simple – I just think what would I do, and how I would behave in that situation. Dickens gives you all the keys, so as an actor, you're onto a winner.'

When we catch up, he's about to give a reading from the opening chapter of a Dickens novel at the new Merton Arts Space in Wimbledon Library, prior to an amateur theatrical performance of the tale from the Attic Theatre Company – the launch production for the new venue.

Supporting libraries and local arts spaces in his hometown ('Clapham is my manor – I'm a big fish in a small sea and that's how I like it') is close to his heart. In fact, it's how he himself started out growing up in Putney. 'I used to go to Saturday morning clubs at Putney cinema, and I started acting in Putney Arts Theatre on the Upper Richmond Road,' he explains. 'Growing up, the library was part of our upbringing. Reading is one of the great joys of life and, thanks to libraries, it's free, and it's classless. Being an old leftie, that's important to me. Whether you go to private school or not, no-one can keep Dickens away from the kids.'

As the father of five-year-old twins, the library has become the go-to hang-out for Flemyng and his boys. 'Apart from being shelter from the weather,

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Reading Dickens at the Merton Arts Space

it's a great destination for the kids. My favourite thing in the world is reading with them.' Judging from his wonderful characterisation in the reading I attended, as well as his impressive filmography, the two of them are lucky boys. He's never likely to stray entirely from SW, he says. 'We lived in Putney growing up and my mum did this thing when I left home. She got out a compass and drew a two and a half mile radius of how far away I could move – and Clapham Common was just on the edge of that.' Over in Battersea, he even bought into a local boozer, former gin palace The Duchess.

Although the now 50-year-old Flemyng tells me that although one of the greatest perks of his career in film has been the opportunity to travel the world, his priority now is to stay close to his children here at home. 'It's been the best thing I could possibly have asked for. You know, nine weeks in Jordan or in the Himalayas or wherever it is, places that you wouldn't normally go to.'

After 150 films in front of the camera, my thing now is to make my own productions

Now, he's focussing his energy on making a move behind the camera. 'After 150 films in front of the camera, of which about 130 are unwatchable, my thing now is to make my own films,' he reveals. 'I've just finished my first one, *Eat Local*, which I'm really proud of. I just rang some of the guys up and said look, help me out. It's a vampire flick about a make-up company who are sourcing a vampire to take a blood sample from, in order to make the world's greatest night cream, and all the shenanigans that happen the night they find a vampire and pin it down.'

He loved every second of it, he tells me, and the best thing about it is that he can work on the pre-production and post-production after the school run. But that's not all. He's also been working on TV shows for the first time – look out for detective series *SS-GB* out later this year, as well as *Jamestown*, a drama from the producers of *Downton Abbey*, about a group of English settlers in America set back in 1617. It seems to us that he's got it all sussed - lock, stock *and* barrel.

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THE MOVIE COLLECTION

1996: Alive and Kicking A romance between unlikely lovers Tonio (Flemyng), a narcissistic dancer, and Jack (Antony Sher), a therapist.

1998: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (below) British crime comedy film written and directed by Guy Ritchie, and starring an ensemble cast.

2000: Snatch Since it was released, *Snatch* (starring Flemyng as Darren) has built up a huge fan following, solidifying Ritchie as the go-to director for British gangster comedies.

2003: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (right) A steampunk-dieselpunk action adventure film loosely based on the first volume of the comic book series of the same name.

2004: Layer Cake Starring alongside Sienna Miller and Tom Hardy, Layer Cake is a cult crime thriller in which Flemyng played Crazy Larry.

2007: Stardust Directed by his good friend Matthew Vaughn, in fantasy adventure film Stardust Flemyng plays Primus, a prince vying for the crown.

2008: The Curious Case of Benjamin Button Flemyng plays the father of Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt) in a film that received 13 Academy Award nominations.

2010: Clash of the Titans Alongside fellow south London actor Gemma Arterton, Flemyng portrayed Calibos in the 2010 remake of Clash of the Titans.

2011: X-Men: First Class (above) Flemyng was cast as Azazel, the father of teleporting mutant Nightcrawler, in the *X-Men* prequel.

2012: Great Expectations (right) Alongside Helena Bonham-Carter as Miss Havisham and Ralph Fiennes as Magwitch, Flemyng's portrayal of Joe Gargery in *Great Expectations* was a turning point in his career.

2014: Top Dog Directed my Martin Kemp, the film saw Flemyng return to crime.

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PATH TO THE SEA

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Elected to the RWA in 2003, Nicholas Turner maintains a sense of warmth and hazy nostalgia in his highly sought after work, in which he explores landscapes, cityscapes and seascapes as well as still life. An evolution in his work is clear to see in the *Looking Outward* exhibition at Foss Fine Art, as he seeks to explore old themes with intriguing new imagery and playful composition. The evocative *Path to the Sea* (pictured) demonstrates his expert use of dry brushstrokes and his preference for a vibrant, rich colour palette.

The exhibition runs from 28 January-25 February; 113b Northcote Road SW11 6PW; 020 7738 0838; fossfineart.com

Different perspectives

In collaboration with composer Ben Frost and cinematographer Trevor Tweeten, conceptual documentary photographer Richard Mosse has created this new exhibition of work, opening on 15 February at the Barbican Centre, using a new, powerful telephoto military camera. With this he has created narratives of the journeys made by refugees, shown in a whole new light.

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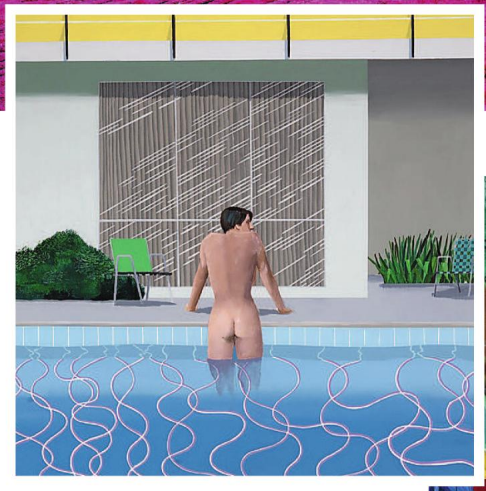

Private eye

This once-in-a-generation show at Tate Britain, opening on 9 February, will bring together six decades of David Hockney's work for the first time. Major loans from private collections – including works never displayed in public before – will be united with iconic paintings from museums around the world. The retrospective will include vibrant new paintings of the artist's home in Los Angeles, which will be united for the first time with earlier works depicting the same subject across 35 years.

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Ivo van Hove, one of the world's most exciting directors, is making his National Theatre debut with a modern production of Ibsen's masterpiece, *Hedda Gabler*. In a new verison by Patrick Marber, the production stars Ruth Wilson in the title role, alongside a cast that also includes Rafe Spall and Sinéad Matthews. Just married, bored already: Hedda longs to be free... The production runs until 21 March.

nationaltheatre.org.uk

Labyrinth of innovation

The power of the moving image and its influence across the arts is being celebrated by the Barbican throughout 2017 with Films in Focus. *Cinema Matters Part 1: Industrial Light & Magic*, running until 11 February, looks at the technologies and the business of film, and its implications for storytelling, including Guillermo del Toro's stunning *Pan's Labyrinth*.

barbican.org.uk/film

TROOPING OF THE COLOUR

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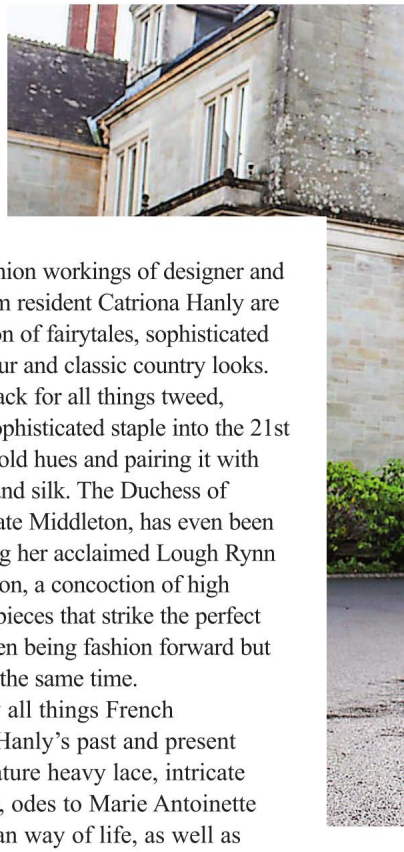

Tweedledum & Tweedledee

Why Fulham-based fashion designer Catriona Hanly is set to take London by storm with her classic approach

Words RACHEL MANTOCK

The fashion workings of designer and Fulham resident Catriona Hanly are a fusion of fairytales, sophisticated glamour and classic country looks. She's got a knack for all things tweed, bringing the sophisticated staple into the 21st century with bold hues and pairing it with plush velvets and silk. The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, has even been spotted wearing her acclaimed Lough Rynn Tweed collection, a concoction of high quality tweed pieces that strike the perfect balance between being fashion forward but paired back at the same time.

Inspired by all things French Renaissance, Hanly's past and present collections feature heavy lace, intricate busy detailing, odes to Marie Antoinette and the Parisian way of life, as well as iconic British heritage pieces. While she's now in love with the hustle and bustle of the Fulham area, Hanly hails from a family of hoteliers in Ireland and grew up around colossal, castle-like buildings and vast expanses of countryside. 'I've been in the design business for many years, but started off in jewellery and then went into interior design,' she explains. 'Creating jewellery took me all over the world and by the time I had got into interior design, I was absolutely just in love with fabrics. I'm very inspired by antique French design and all things gothic.'

Hanly is completely in sync with her clients, latching on to the move towards less, but better quality fashion pieces. She says that people 'want that one stand out,

Model and TV presenter Vogue Williams looks stunning in Hanly's designs as the face of her luxury fashion house

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refined jacket or blazer that will stand the test of time'. Combining daring colours with the iconic nature of classic styles and fabrics results in Hanly's signature look, something that stands out while not being offensively loud.

Close friend, fellow Irish native and model Vogue Williams serves as the face of the Catriona Hanly brand, heading the Lough Rynn Tweed collection campaign and looking stunning in frilled black silk dresses, like something out of a dark glamour, old school Hollywood film. With each collection, Hanly is reworking the idea of fairytales and princesses for grown ups, with subtle references to Alice in Wonderland, castles and Middle Eastern royalty. She strikes a balance between playfulness and elegance flawlessly, giving you a range of textures to marvel at with each piece.

Her Lough Rynn Tweed collection has an element of quirk and a touch of preppiness, along with a big dash of Mad Hatter style, while her Parisian collection is full of fluffy and delicate layers upon layers of lace. The Flower Power collection is all about silk and rich colour, along with busy floral patterns, something that transitions from winter through to spring and summer flawlessly.

Focussed on breaking the London fashion scene, Hanly has her work cut out, but armed with her driven, eccentric personality and meticulous eye for luxury fabrics and cuts that make everyone swoon, we'll bet she's about to hit the big time with her fashion house that's fit for royalty.

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LOUISE CANDLISH

Flipping out to one of life's little problems

One of the many ways in which I fall short as a mother – and a human, frankly – is in my inability to make pancakes. They were on *Bake Off* last year, after all, in an impossible intricate lacy form that made my hands sweat just watching.

Pancake Day is important, I know, at least it is during Act I of life. As a child, I didn't know Shrove Tuesday was what we were marking – or even that it was a Tuesday. My mum was a brilliant pancake chef, even if the way of the 70s was that dads went first and kids had to wait for them to polish off their pile before moving up the queue.

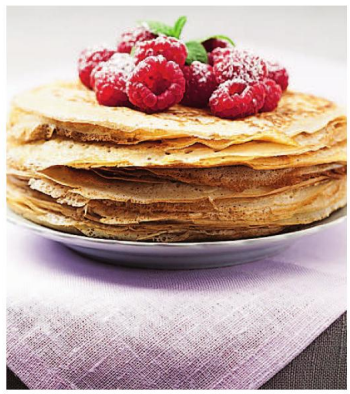
For years after leaving home I didn't 'do' Pancake Day, encountering our flat friends only on hungover mornings in Amsterdam or maybe, once in while, on a nostalgic pitstop at My Old Dutch on the King's Road. There was even a decade-long abstention following inadvertent aversion therapy in New York, where my friends and I binged on what the restaurant called pancakes, but were in fact full-sized sponge cakes. (We had three each.) Then, as I say, motherhood.

There have been 13 years so far and not a single one when the pancakes have worked. One year they were a big ball of mush in the middle of the pan, another they were small balls of mush around the outside. Even readymade batter and a new non-stick pan went wrong – one of our infant guests was absolutely convinced they were eating vegetarian toad-in-the-hole.

Then there was the year we just completely forgot and our daughter was the only one in the world who didn't get them (bar the 800 million-odd poor souls the UN cites as hungry, you understand). In a totally unrelated trend, for the next three years she went to friends' houses, where not only was golden perfection guaranteed, but they'd probably mastered the aforementioned lacework before it was even a (complicated) twinkle in Paul Hollywood's eye.

Well, this year is going to be different. I decided weeks ago I would book a table somewhere posh and have an expert do the tossing for me, but when I asked my friends for recommendations, I drew a blank.

There have been 13 years of motherhood so far and not a single one when the pancakes have worked



'There's that great place in Spitalfields?'

'No, I want south of the river.'

'What about that bar in Battersea, where you can get a whole stack for £1?'

'Not posh enough. I want the loving, handmade ritual of it.'

'Er, maybe Pizza Express could help you out?'

So if you read this before the 28th, please do tweet me your best crêpe secrets (a rare pun: none of us is immune). Otherwise, just assume it all went pear-shaped. Probably literally. Hopefully not fatally.

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Expect queues at many of Balham's bars, cafés and restaurants

CAFÉ CULTURE

There's more to Balham than just good transport links and the comedy club at The Bedford. Here's why SW12 is our new favourite postcode...

Words VICKY SMITH

People queue for brunch in Balham. They stand in a line for 30 minutes, sometimes up to an hour, to go and sit with other locals and devour Instagram-worthy dishes of avocado and sweetcorn fritters, washed down with single origin bean coffee and cold-pressed juice. This isn't a bad thing – on the contrary, it's really quite pleasant (if you don't mind the freezing cold and have more patience than I do), but what's astonishing is that it is *Balham*.

Balham – long known as a leafy suburban neighbourhood with an unremarkable high street, sandwiched between Clapham, Streatham and Tooting, the long-time butt of many a 'Gateway to the South' Joke (thanks, Peter Sellers) – is now home to so many brunching 20 and 30-somethings that if you want to stand half a chance of getting your hands on a latte pre-midday, you had better set your alarm.

But what is it that's transformed Balham from somewhere that was best-known as a sleepy suburb with 'that pub with the comedy nights in the back room' (god bless The Bedford) into one of London's most desirable areas? Well, it's pretty well located for a start. Overground trains into Victoria (when Southern aren't on strike), the Northern Line underground and numerable buses into other parts of south London mean transport's covered, plus there's Clapham Common, Wandsworth Common and Tooting Common surrounding it – that's a LOT of green space for an area that's pretty small, and it's a remarkable privilege to have it all literally on your doorstep in London.

The properties themselves are another lure. With a mix of impressive Victorian, Edwardian and Arts and Crafts houses, the Art Deco block Du Cane Court (which has also become a local landmark itself), and some stand-out new developments, there's plenty of accommodation for all types of resident, which is, says Pamela Janson-Smith, manager of Andrews Balham, part of area's unique appeal: 'Balham has a diverse mix of properties, and has something to offer everyone from the first-time buyer to the very wealthy. Rental investors like Balham due to its popularity with young professionals, and first-time buyers are attracted by the good quality stock along with the transport links and the Balham café society. Young families love the period

The unique approach of Hagen & Hyde, a pub like no other that serves up fantastic food, is an example of how Balham's gastronomic scene has transformed

houses, the excellent schools and easy access to the three fantastic commons. For those with deeper pockets the stunning early Victorian properties in the Nightingale Triangle and the Heaver Estate offer some truly outstanding family homes. As to the future, the High Road will no doubt keep evolving and improving, developers will see the area as a highly desirable location for their developments and Crossrail 2, when (if) it comes, will move the transport up to another level.'

It's not just alluring for residents, though. Understandably, SW12 holds massive appeal to business owners too, who have seen their stores take-off thanks to demand from Balham's residents, who aren't just affluent, but also discerning – it's not the chains that flourish here, and you just need to walk down the (admittedly still not aesthetically impressive, but booming all the same) high road to see that it's the independents that really seem to thrive. On the high road, Chadwick's butchers, Bertie and Boo coffee shop and Season Cookshop are all local success stories, while the once drab Hildreth Street is now home to busy market stalls, Milk cafe, Brickwood coffee, We Brought Beer and a fab new wine bar. Out of nowhere, the once sleepy stretch has become the heart of the town, with people sitting outside drinking coffee in the day, and something stronger at night.

Independent card shop Postmark has been in Balham since 2004. Owner Mark Janson-Smith has seen the area change since opening up shop. 'I grew up in Clapham and was working there when I decided I wanted to open a card shop,' she says. 'At the time I was living in ›

Balham, and although the area was very different then I could see it had great potential and the rents were much more reasonable than in other more established areas nearby. That said not everyone felt the same and many of my friends and family thought I was mad – they're now happy to admit they were wrong!'

And what is it about the area that makes it maintain its draw? 'There's just such a strong sense of community in Balham. Our customers have been incredibly loyal over the years and there's great support for small businesses on the high road.'

There's a strong sense of community here. There's great support for small businesses

Newer to the high road – but not the area – is Charlotte Cave, a high-end salon and beauty store that's brimming with high-end brands you wouldn't have ever been able to find in the area, but a warm welcome that's definitely familiar. Owner Cave says opening the second branch of her business (the first is over in Clapham Old Town) in Balham was a no-brainer: 'As a local resident to Balham, I recognised a gap in the high street for a business that stocked unique boutique beauty brands that are found in the West End, with services attached to each brand. Balham is a unique community, it has a gentle and welcoming atmosphere that is inclusive to everyone – something that is at the heart of my business model.'

Charlotte Cave isn't the only opening bringing something new to the area – Japanese restaurant Taro recently opened, and with its only other branches in Soho and the City, it's a sure-fire indication that the appetite for high quality in Balham is strong. There's also Foxlow – from the team behind the much-lauded steak chain Hawksmoor – and recent revamps of old favourites such as The Devonshire pub and Hagen + Hyde. Whatever the future holds for Balham, it seems one thing's for sure – it keeps going up and up. Seems that 'gateway to the south' wasn't just a joke – it was a prediction.

From breakfast to dinner, via brunch and lunch, SW12 is not short on options

FIVE OF THE BEST

It's a lovable kind of place that's perfect for this loved-up time of year, so here's 5 of the best restaurants for Valentine's...

ARLO'S

Serious about your loved one? Well, the team behind newcomer Arlo's are just as serious about steak, and what better way to say 'I love you' than with a prime piece of tender British bavette? Exactly. It's situated next to Balham Bowls Club – the perfect spot for a pre-drink under the fairy light-strewn ceiling.
arlos.co.uk

LAMBERTS

At 14 years young, this Balham stalwart is clearly doing something right. It could be the seasonal British food, the smart, modern dining room, or its low-key, intimate atmosphere – or most likely, it's all three. All elements make it a reliable choice for a Valentine's dinner to impress, but make sure you book soon.
lambertsrestaurant.com

MILK

Who says a Valentine's meal has to be dinner? Start the day in romantic style with a lazy breakfast at Milk, which, judging by its popularity, is probably Balham's premier brunch spot. The menu offers more than your usual bacon butty (although there's a fine version available), and the restaurant is licensed, so you can make a toast to true love over, er, some toast.
milk.london

GAZETTE

If you can't make it to Paris, do the next best thing and book a table at Gazette, SW12's French favourite, where you can show your cherie amour just how serious you are.
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TIME SITS STILL

The design classics that we will never tire of

In this era of ever-changing technology, interior designers are our saviours. Some of the top names in the business are not interested in updating their style in a year's time, but in creating something that you will love and cherish through the generations. Kara O'Reilly rounds up her favourite interior design classics this month on page 50, as well as adding a little colour to what's still a dull and gloomy winter month from page 42.

On the SCENE

Interior designer Tiffany Duggan of Studio Duggan talks us through a sophisticated, contemporary project in Parsons Green

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

What is Studio Duggan's USP and what makes it stand out from the crowd? With an emphasis on form, colour, texture, scale and a curated mix of old and new, projects are approached holistically and underpinned with total respect for the client's brief. The common thread of our work is the creation of unique, varied designs that fuse different eras and styles in the pursuit of perfection. We form very close relationships with clients and offer a very personal service.

Does your time as a scenic artist feed into your work as an interior designer? Absolutely! From an aesthetic perspective, the process of designing houses is very similar to creating stage sets – from initial concept, through to detailed design and ultimately the installation. The key difference is that there are important practical considerations when it comes to interior design. A successful design isn't just about how a space looks, but how it feels, and how well it works for its users. I do like there to be a touch of the theatrical in our work.

Where else do you get your inspiration from? I have an unhealthy obsession with collecting interior magazines and books as invaluable 'go to' reference materials. Art fairs, antique markets, design blogs, as well as new hotels, restaurants and bars also provide great inspiration. The work of design greats Joseph Dirand, Jacques Garcia and Ilse Crawford never fail to animate – the appreciation of the past while contemplating the future is prevalent in Studio Duggan's ethos.

What was the brief for your project at Hurlingham Terrace? Located in Parsons Green and attracting young professionals and families alike, the townhouses are perfect for those who want an elegant, stylish and practical home. The living spaces needed to be sophisticated yet comfortable and the bedrooms and bathrooms luxurious, with quality fittings. Studio Duggan created a clean, contemporary interior style paired with sumptuous carpets and natural textiles. Unique, eclectic accessories and pieces of artwork were chosen to appeal to design-minded young buyers.

What was special about the project? It was lovely to be asked by our client, Fusion Residential, to fully furnish and accessorise the show house, to show how a blank canvas can be transformed into a warm and inviting home.

What elements are fundamental to creating high-end, luxury interior design? Quality materials and finishes are key. We used a stunning herringbone fabric on the master bedroom walls, which transformed the space in terms of a luxury feel. It's all in the layering.

How do you go about utilising space to its full potential? Planning, planning, planning! When faced with a small room it's really important to think carefully at the offset about how you need it to work for you, what storage you require and what your lighting needs are. The trick is to have lots of hidden storage and minimise clutter on surfaces. Also, don't be scared of using dark colours and introducing statement pieces.

What other projects have you been working on recently? Studio Duggan's current projects include the completion of a historic gem in Kensington Square, a Soho House inspired lake-house in Munich, four contemporary townhouses in Marylebone, and a characterful family home in Tufnell Park.

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This project at Hurlingham Terrace shows Studio Duggan at its best

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Dark side of THE MOON

Inside former Pink Floyd studio boss Kate Koumi's fabulously industrial conversion of the infamous Britannia Row Studios

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

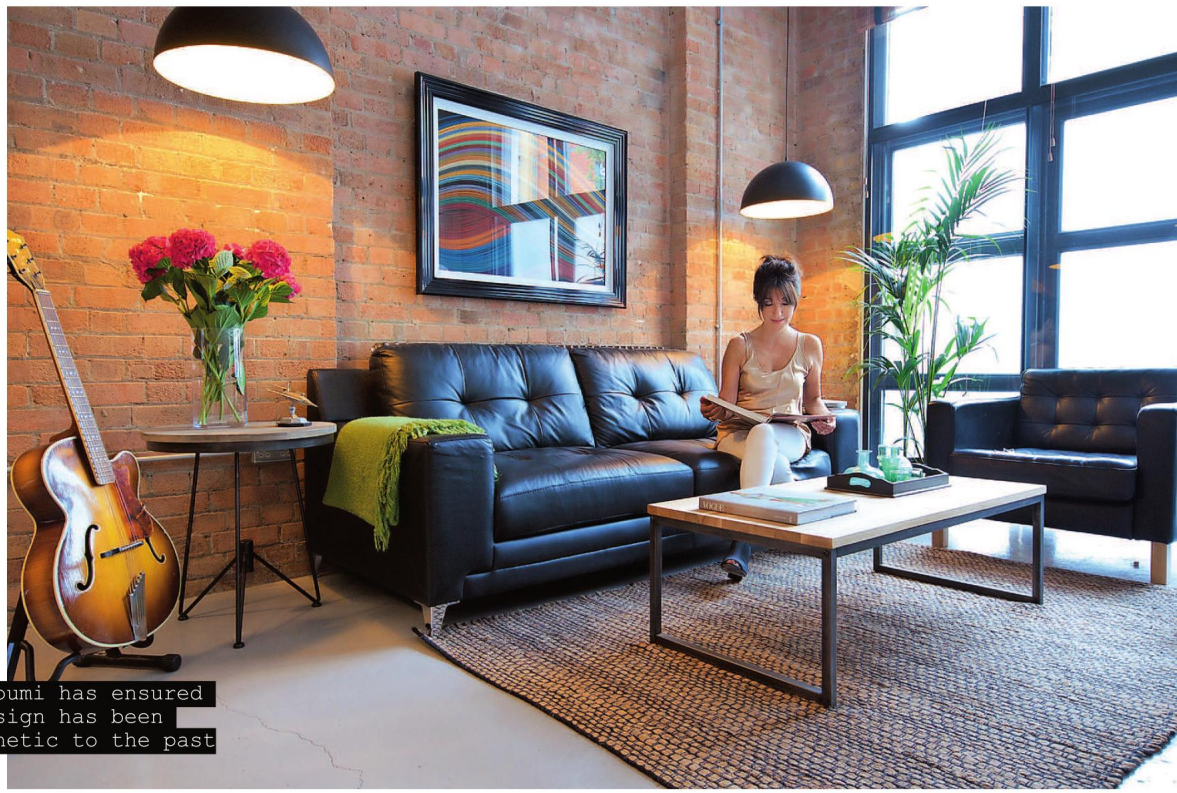
Britannia Row Studios on Wandsworth Bridge Road has quite a history, having played host to the great and the good of the music industry. Now, owner Kate Koumi (Pink Floyd's former studio manager, no less) has converted the space into two stunning flats that remain sympathetic to the history of the property.

The existing studio space comprised of a two storey recording studio, complete with live rooms, vocal booths, drum rooms and production suites. Now, it has been divided by a custom-built concrete staircase. 'Although we removed the studio, we reinstated cosmetic things that are a reminder of its heritage,' Koumi says. 'The interior design is very much dictated by the structure. I wanted to keep the raw elements exposed, the bare bricks, metal and concrete, and soften it a little by bringing in wooden furniture and the almost driftwood-like coffee tables.'

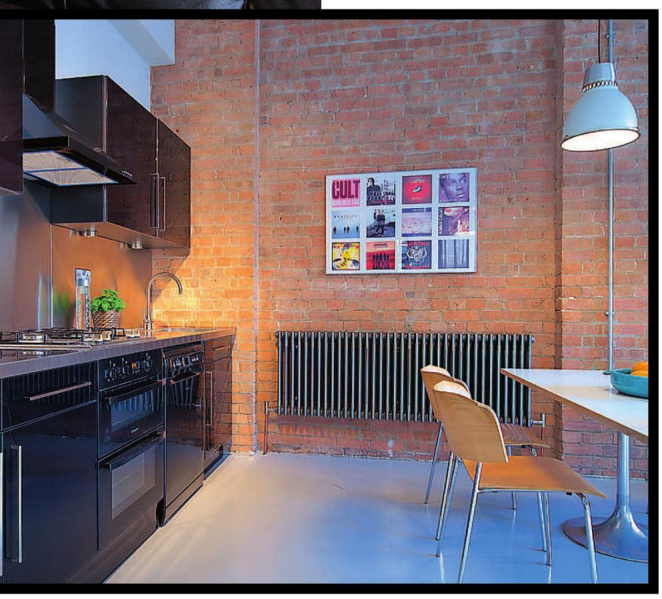
The exposed electrics, another nod to the industrial trend, are a feature she is particularly pleased with. 'The exposed electrics, suspended on metal trays, are totally functional. One my pet hates, living in a Victorian house, is that the moment you want to change or fix something you have to rip your house apart. This is much more practical.'

The conversion has been designed with flexibility in mind by Orchestrate Ltd, a building company based between the commons on Webb's Road. Although together with Koumi they have created two flats, explains Managing Director Ross Malone, it was designed with the possibility of converting it into one larger home in the future in due course for Koumi and her family in mind.

In terms of the style of the build, honesty and authenticity was also important to Malone, who himself is a fan of Pink Floyd. 'I did a music degree, so it's very difficult not to be a fan of Pink Floyd,' he laughs. 'If you look on Britannia Row's Wikipedia page, everybody's recorded there. It's very well-



Kate Koumi has ensured the design has been sympathetic to the past



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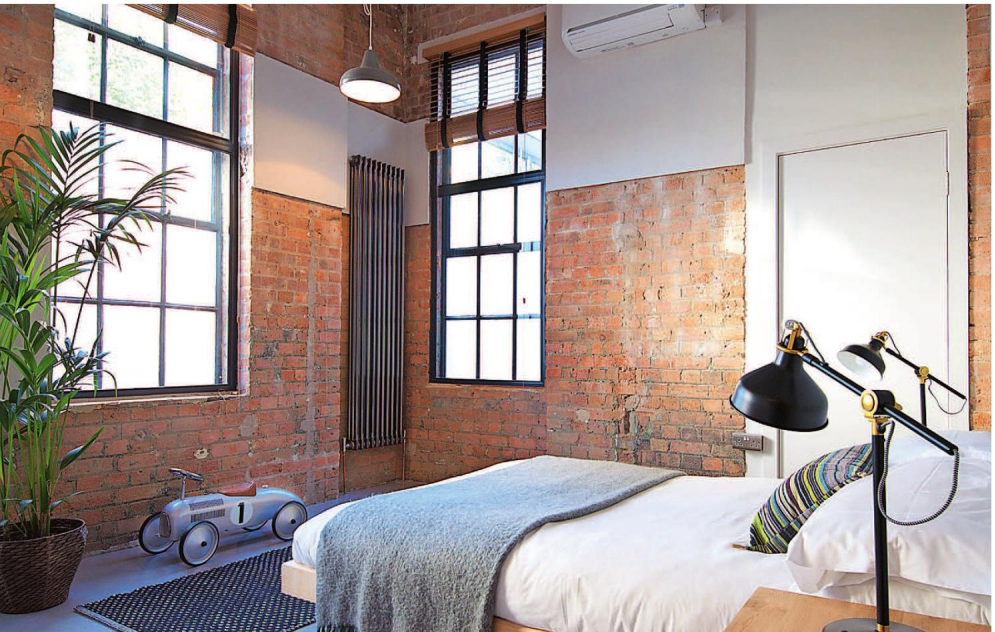
known in the industry, The thing is, it's become increasingly difficult for recording studios to make money,' he admits. 'It was a very sad thing to be involved with in way, because it's a new era for a piece of real rock 'n' roll memorabilia – but I was pleased to do it, because then at least we could try and keep it as authentic as possible.'

Koumi herself looks back fondly on the Golden Age of the studio. 'It was an extraordinary world to be a part of,' she says. 'Great artists are literally given the keys to the cities they perform in and have so much freedom. They were good times, but I was a very straight person within that world. I didn't drink or smoke and that's why I got on well. You always need someone steady and dependable to run a business, and it was quite nice not to be a casualty!'

But back to property and interior design, she's not a fan of identikit developments, she tells me. 'I prefer something far more eclectic that gives you a specific aura, and that aura is the reason why you might choose to live in a property,' she says. It's a philosophy that Malone is also on board with. 'Industrial warehouse-style projects can end up being clichéd,' he says. 'But I think we've managed to maintain the original attitude of the building. It's not a Franco Manca-style copy and paste – it's authentic.' Rock and roll...



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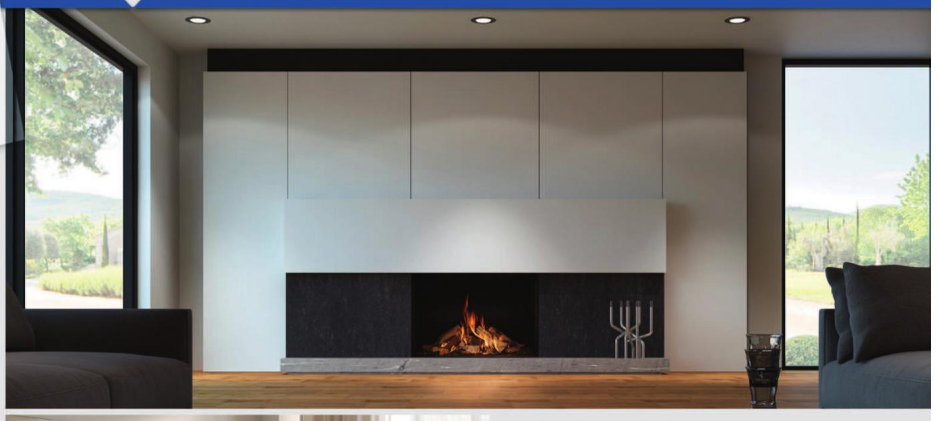

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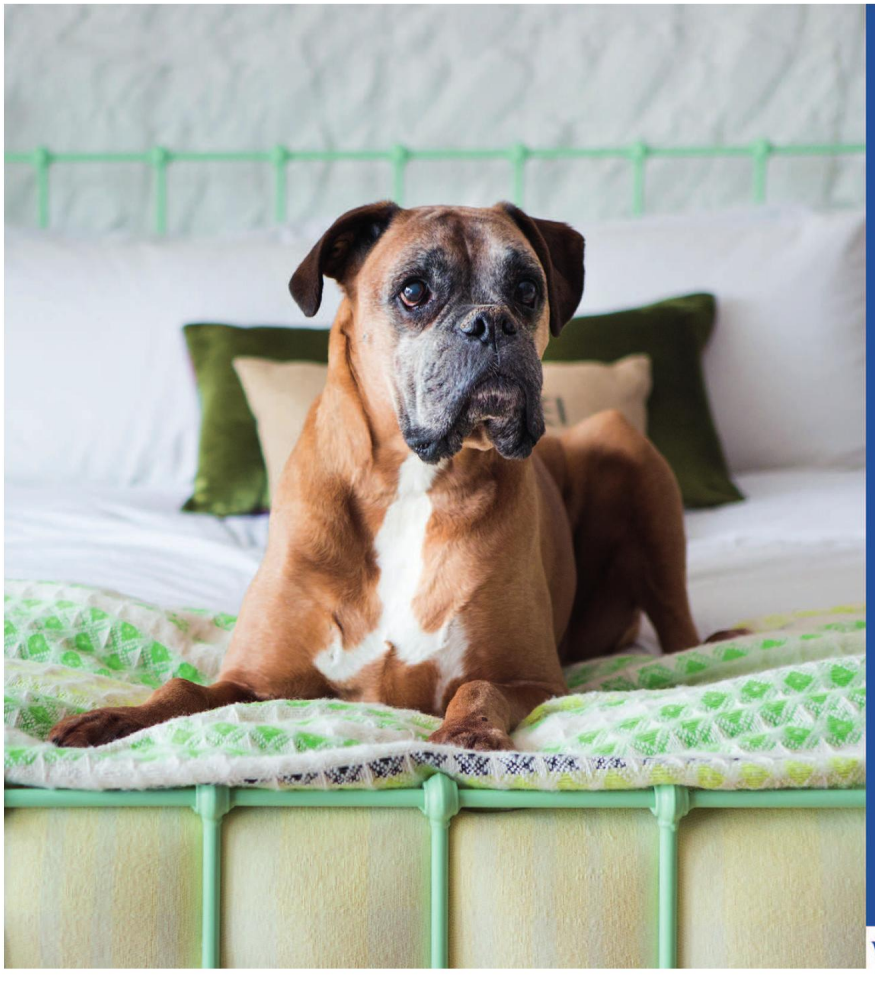

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Clockwise (from pink): Orchard Pink, Yes Your Honour, Skylon Grey and Graphite, all £39.50 per 2.5 litres matt emulsion, firedearth.com

COLOUR

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COOL CLOAKROOM
The smallest room in the house is a place where you can go to town with playful ideas as designer Niloufar Bakhtiar-Bakhtiari shows here. Contrasting shots of neon in the form of painted plaster frames introduce a light-hearted punch of colour.
Commissions upon request, nbbdesign.com

FRAMER'S ART
Draw attention to any architectural details in a space – think cornices, architraves, door frames and skirting – by picking them out in a dark colour. This also has the effect of 'framing' the room.
Architectural details in Jack Black; walls in French Gray pale and door in Cape Red, £38 per 2.5 litres Absolute Matt Emulsion; £54.50 per 2.5 litres Intelligent Eggshell, all littlegreene.com

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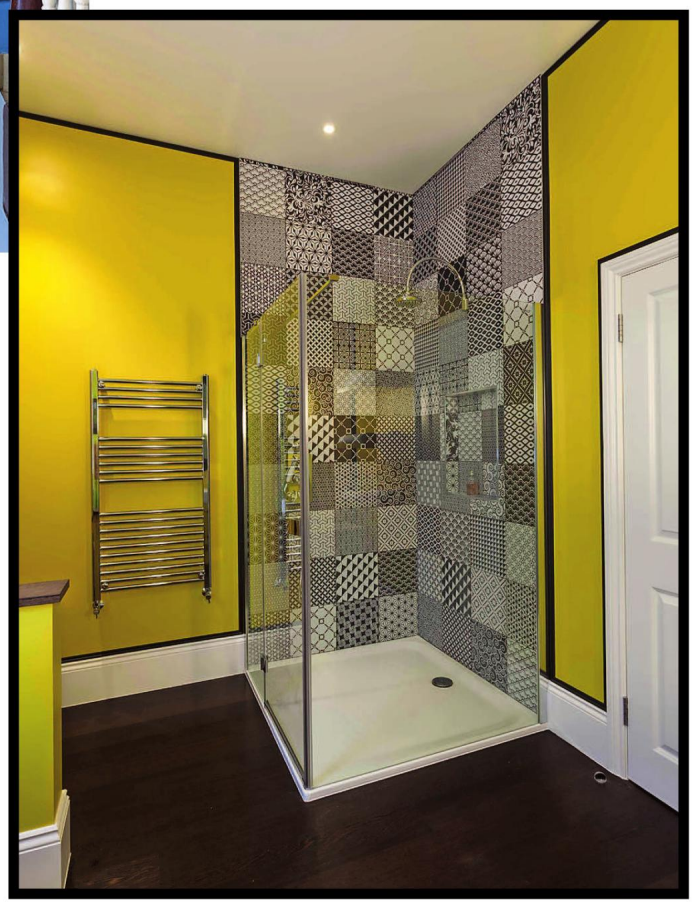

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STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Forget carpet; instead get creative by using paint effects up a staircase. This bold design features a Dove Tale floor with stripes added in contrasting colours of Babouche, Mahogany and Arsenic.

Floor paint, £59 per 2.5 litres, farrow-ball.com

GREEN HOUSE

Green is one of the on-trend colours for 2017, but give it a chic retro edge by pairing with ochres and tans.

Creeping Ivy and Dropped Pollen, £36 per 2 litres matt emulsion, both paintbyconran.com

ON THE TILES

Mis-matching patterned tiles in a similar colour palette is de riguer at the moment. Designer Mhairi Coyle used them in this bathroom as a way of defining the shower area and paired them with a punchy primary paint for greater impact.

Large Picasso monochrome patchwork tiles, £94 per sq m, alhambrahome.co.uk

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Peony Gray wallpaper from the Flora Sandbergica collection, £144 per roll (covers 135 x 270cm), sandbergwallpaper.com

SCALE IT UP

Many of the latest wallpaper designs feature bold patterns in large-scale repeats, meaning you don't need more than a few rolls to really ring the changes in a room as this Nina Campbell design shows.
Palmetto wallpaper from the Coromandel collection by Nina Campbell, £72 per 10m roll, osborneandlittle.com

HIDDEN DEPTHS

Interior designer Amelia Carter used a patterned wallpaper to add an unexpected shot of colour when this hidden tambour cupboard was opened for use.
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Buying a piece of new furniture? Then invest in a design classic that has truly stood the test of time

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'A design classic should endure and whilst it should maintain a timeless quality, it should also have personality and character. It should be functional and fulfil its purpose.'
SIMON ALDERSON, FOUNDER 20:21

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'For me, a design classic is a beautiful, timeless piece which must be accessible in order to capture the attention of generations.'
SABINA MILLER, HEAD OF BUYING, HEAL'S

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5 Alvar Aalto Collection vase, from **£49, iittala.com**
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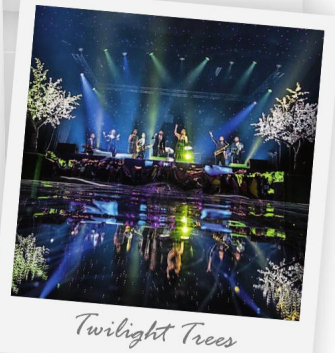

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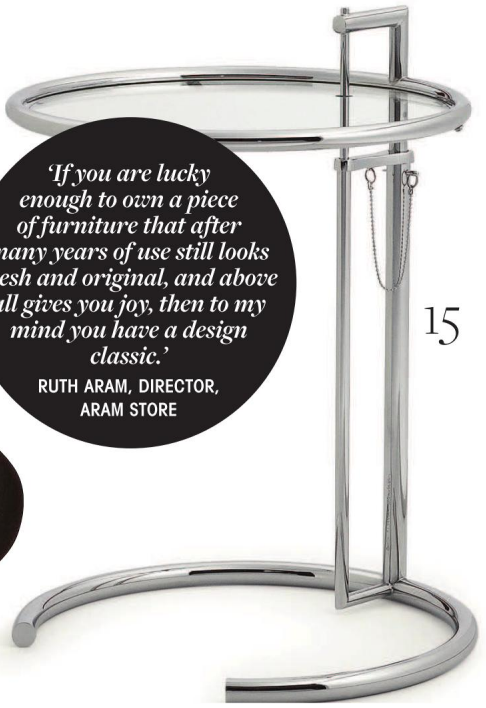

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'If you are lucky enough to own a piece of furniture that after many years of use still looks fresh and original, and above all gives you joy, then to my mind you have a design classic.'
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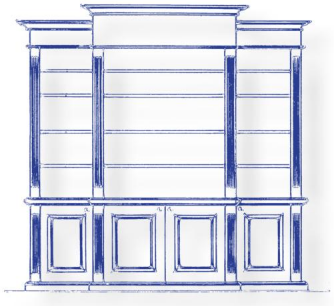

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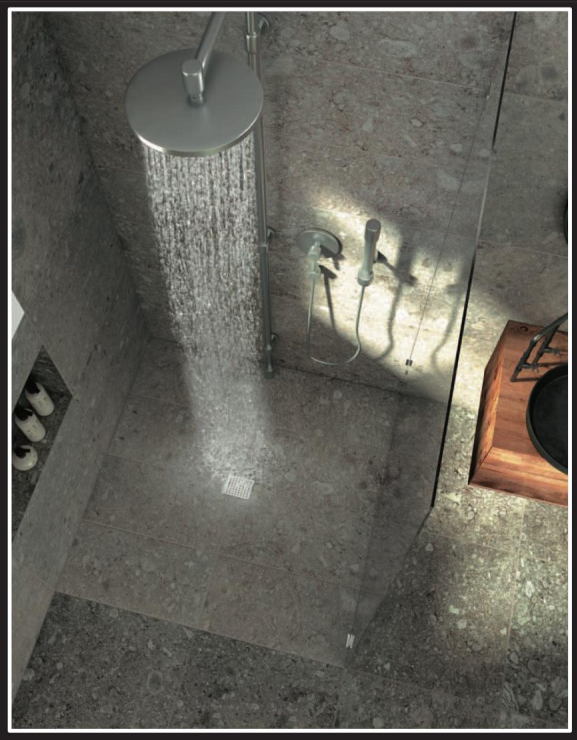

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Words MADELEINE HOWELL

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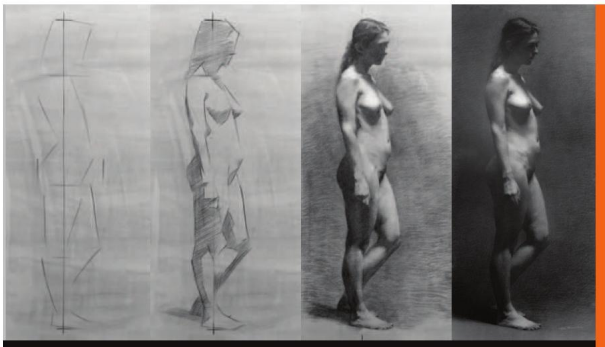

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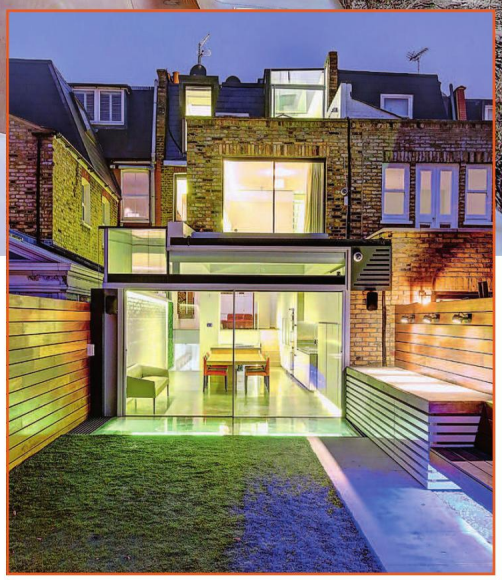

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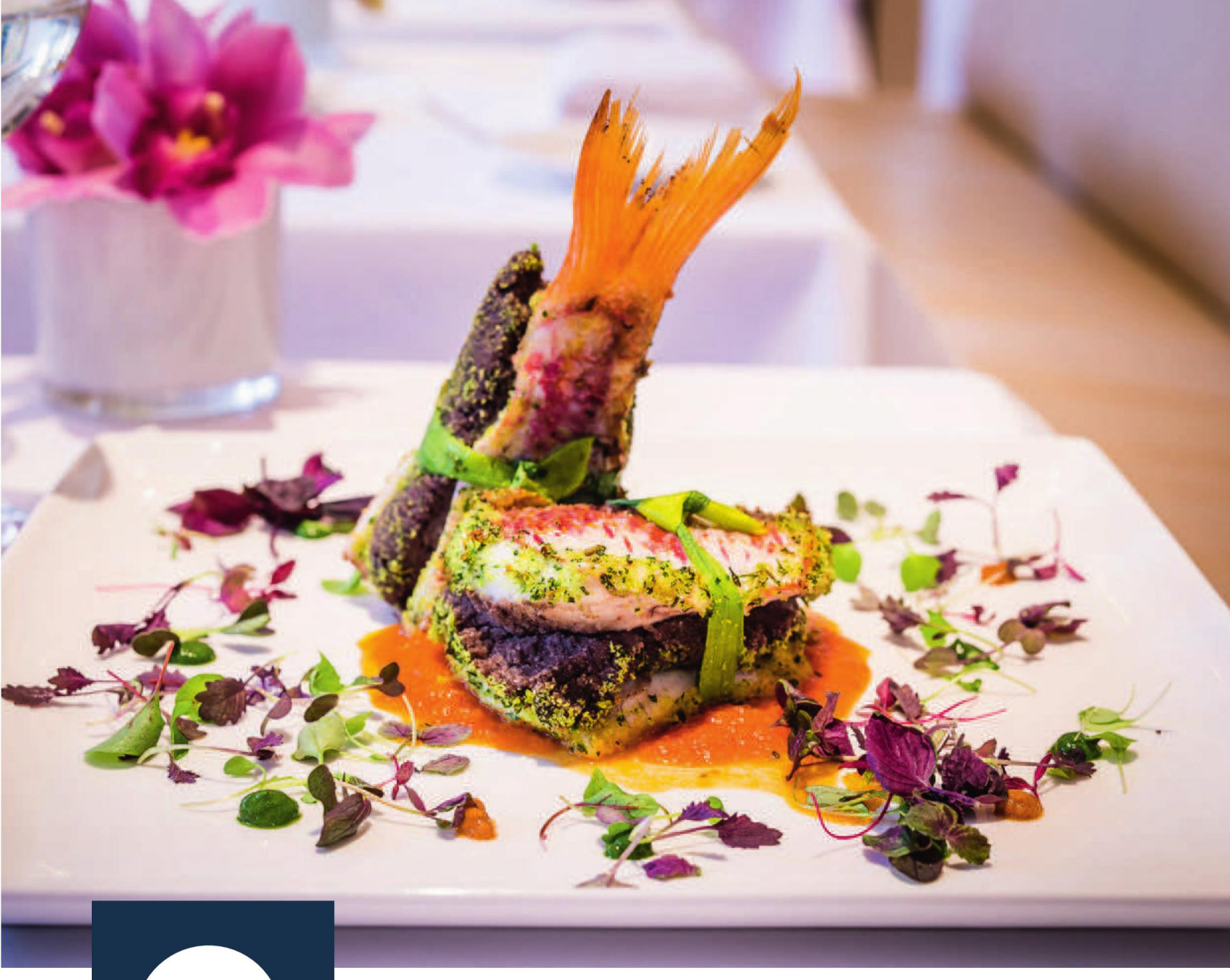

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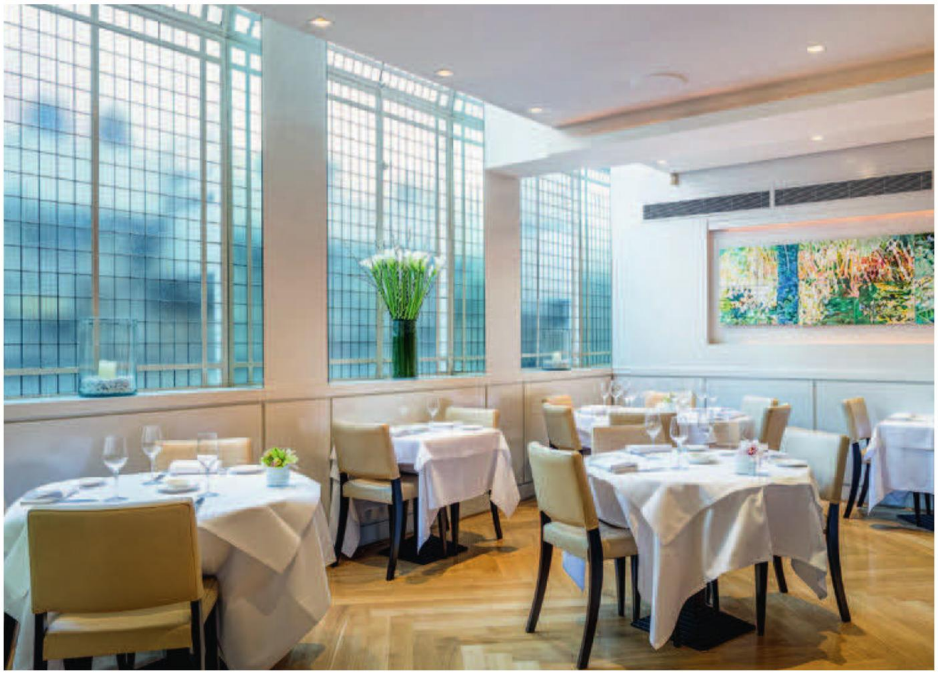

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ADAM BYATT

Welcome to the world of real cookery

Every chef I know has a book full of basic staples and secret one-off recipes that they have picked up on their travels. I have come to realise that basic culinary skills and frugal food preparation have been sadly diminished. Although there is a hunger for new knowledge and exciting, show-stopping tips, there is a real need for people to return to a time where most mothers could not only make good food, but pass on skills such as pastry and pasta-making, simple braising and long-term storage of prized ingredients.

My own cookery training was primarily classical. The skills I was taught have been passed down over hundreds of years and are still used in professional cookery today. For me, few things come close to the taste and texture of fresh, silky, homemade pasta. This recipe for Spaghetti Vongole includes a fantastic pasta dough recipe, which is great for lasagne, tagliatelle or linguini, as well as the spaghetti used in the recipe. It's worth noting that the pasta freezes well once made, and that it can be cooked and stored in the fridge for up to a day.

Whether you are revamping your fundamental cooking skill set after a period of dormancy, or delving into the basic staples of home cookery for the very first time, be sure to remember that the end result should be as simple as the foundation that these skills are built upon: the enjoyment of great food.

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Add squid ink to your pasta dough for a simple twist on a classic

SPAGHETTI VONGOLE

Makes: 8 portions

- ½ batch of pasta dough recipe
- 500g palourde clams or Venus clams – ensure they are well washed and scrubbed
- 1 red chilli deseeded and sliced finely
- 4 cloves garlic peeled and grated
- 1 bunch chopped parsley
- 200ml white wine
- 2 shallots, peeled and sliced into thin rings
- Olive oil

PASTA DOUGH

Makes 6 portions

- 2 eggs
- 6 egg yolks
- 4 tsp olive oil
- 500g '00' flour (extra-strong flour used for pasta making)
- 20ml of squid ink (added to the eggs if Nero pasta required)

1 Prepare the dough by combining the eggs, yolks and olive oil in a bowl. Blend the flour for a minute in a food processor then, with the machine still running, slowly pour in the egg mix. Once the dough forms, turn it out and shape it into a ball by hand. Wrap in cling film and leave to rest in the fridge for an hour before using.

2 Place a pan of water on the stove with salt and a splash of olive oil.

3 In a heavy-based frying pan over a high heat add 4 good lugs of quality olive oil, the shallots, chilli and garlic and stir for 1 minute.

4 Cook the pasta in the boiling salted water for 3 minutes.

5 Add the clams to the frying pan and pour in the white wine. Cover and cook for 2 minutes until they open fully. Use tongs to transfer the pasta to the pan, this allowing for some of the starchy water to come with it.

6 Stir well and add the parsley, salt, pepper and olive oil. Serve immediately.

On the FLIPSIDE

SW's celebrated food writer on her new book and the joys of Shrove Tuesday

Words SUDI PIGOTT

Who doesn't love pancakes? They are a simple, honest, universally loved comfort food and in times of austerity, Brexit and Trump, it is no coincidence that pancakes, with their cosy evocations of home, are very much back in vogue, albeit fused with modern and global food trends.

Pancakes make us happy and the ritual of cooking and flipping the batter merely adds to their appeal. What I love most is that every culture has their own pancake tradition talked about with great affection. My own fondest pancake memories are of competing with my brother to flip pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, though our attempts didn't ever come close to the Australian Guinness world record flipper (who miraculously managed 140 flips in a minute!). I look back nostalgically to long walks on Hampstead Heath with the promise of creamy garlicky mushroom-filled crepes from a street stall afterwards, long before street food became hip. I'll never forget my first experience of crepes suzettes at The Ritz either, flambéed with great ceremony.

No wonder I decided to write a book about pancakes: *Flipping Good*. To me, pancakes in all their delicious diversity have long been one of the most pleasurable, life-affirming foods. I wanted to vividly demonstrate that there is a world beyond pancakes eaten with lemon and sugar, that there's a whole culinary world for the gastronomically curious to explore.

What makes pancakes so on trend right now is that so many recipes from around the globe use gluten-free flours: from quinoa to coconut. They don't even have to be made exclusively from grains – think chestnut and chickpea. Simple variations on lemon and sugar pancakes for Shrove Tuesday I especially recommend include maple syrup, butter and squares of good plain chocolate; cinnamon and lime tossed pineapple with pomegranates and toasted coconut; and mixed berry compote with crushed meringues.

Pancakes in all their delicious diversity are one of the most life-affirming foods

I relished, too, experimenting with different kit such as an appam pan (easy to find in Tooting) for making Hoppers, and a special cast-iron aebelskiver pan with little hollows for producing distinctive puffy, spherical pancakes, traditionally turned with knitting needles. The most Instagrammed pancakes right now are dramatically fluffy 'Dutch babies', baked in the oven and served either savoury with goat's cheese or sweet with apples, berries and cream.

Reflecting the massive popularity of all day brunch menus, more and more restaurants are featuring pancakes on their year round menu too: pancakes are no longer just for Shrove Tuesday.

In fact, the scope for pancakes is flipping unstoppable.

Flipping Good: Pancakes from Around the World £12.99 is published by Kyle Books

LEYLA KAZIM

PANCAKES TO SAVOUR IN SW LONDON

GALETTES
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senzalacreperie.co.uk

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okanbrixtonvillage.com

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peartreecafe.co.uk

ATAYEF
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mezarestaurant.co.uk

HOPPERS
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The latest foodie news in SW London

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WHAT A SWEETHEART

Treat her (or him) sweet this Valentine's Day with this creation from PAUL's consisting of Genoese sponge and mousseline cream shaped into a spectacular heart. The Coeur Frasier St Valentin pairs fresh strawberries with marzipan, while the Coeur Craquant is layered with rich dark chocolate. There's also savoury heart shaped baguettes, perfect with a baked camembert.
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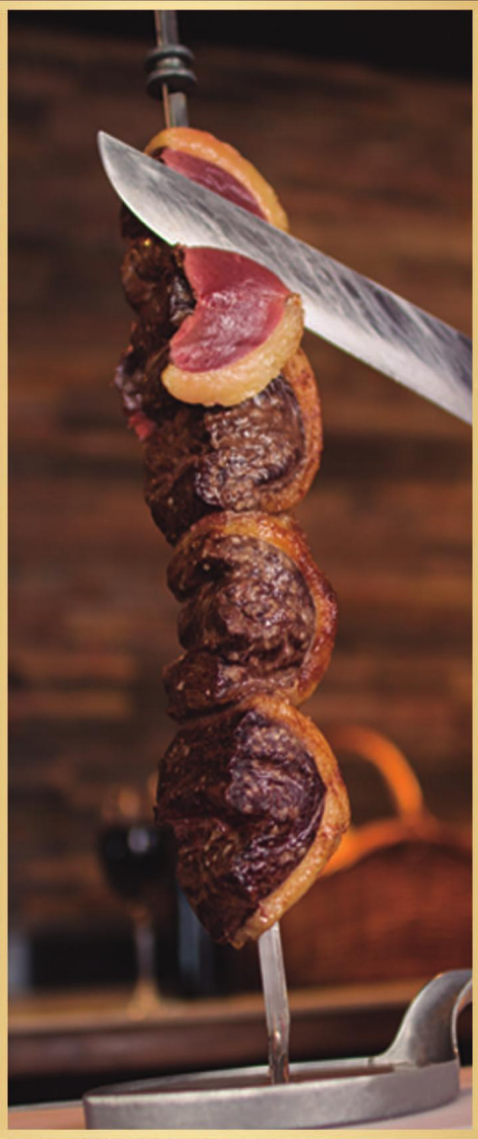

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VIEW 94

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

Even on a miserably cold and rainy evening in January, View 94 is quite possibly one of the most romantic restaurants in Wandsworth, overlooking the twinkling Thames as it does. Our culinary authority and food writer here at SW Resident, Sudi Pigott, has often praised head chef Antonio Sanzone – and so I was eager to sample his dishes myself.

Preceded by a pleasingly strong mango daiquiri in the ambient downstairs lounge (January blues, be gone!) his 'upscale, Italian-leaning, modern menu' upstairs in the restaurant certainly didn't disappoint. My grilled medallion of Italian bocconcino goat's cheese was smooth and slightly nutty, served with a scattering of pomegranate seeds and thoughtfully presented on a plate itself shaped like a wheel of cheese. Meanwhile, my friend's scallops were cooked to perfection.

After much deliberation when it came to choosing my main course, I was rather pleased with myself when my lobster moka risotto arrived. Later, we discovered that it also happens to be the dish that Sanzone himself served up on his wedding day to a huge guestlist of lucky revellers back home in Italy. It was served with spring onion puree and delicate tomatoes, and a cunning little cafetiere of shellfish cappucino. Beware, however, of the squid ink – although delicious and aesthetically pleasing on the plate, if you are on an early days date, black stained teeth probably aren't a good look.

The lobster moka risotto is a real stand out

When it came to my dessert, Sanzone's playful attitude towards his creations once again shone through. The cappuccino espresso cheesecake was a real treat. A winning melange of creamy espresso cheese, coffee-flavoured jelly, fior de latte ice cream, Italian meringue served with sticks of gluten-free cantucci on the side (almond cookies – my only criticism of the evening was that these had lost their crunch).

Whether you're booking in for quality time with a loved one or with friends, we recommend booking in advance to secure a window seat. In this peaceful riverside pocket of London on a Friday night, we felt worlds away from the stresses of the week and well and truly spoilt when it came to the attentive service. Highly recommended.

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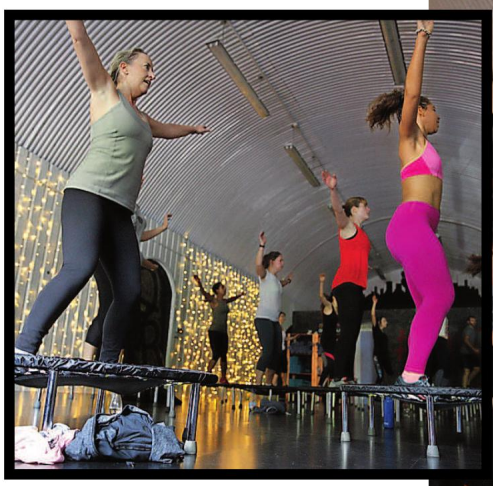

You will be shaking your booty and jumping for joy at Off the Rails

GOING OFF THE RAILS

Meet the dancer taking fitness classes to another level next to Clapham Junction

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

If those oh-so well-intentioned New Year's resolutions are already falling by the wayside, you might have found yourself – like me – in need of an extra kick. Luckily, there's a dynamic new studio in Battersea ready and waiting to do just that, and it couldn't be more conveniently located. Beneath Clapham Junction, nestled next to Crossfit Shapesmiths, is the aptly named Off the Rails, the brainchild of former professional dancer and instructor Missie Frank.

Decked with fairy lights and mirrors, it's a fun space for those who prefer their fitness a little rough and ready. 'It's not swanky,' explains Frank, 'I wanted it to be a bit industrial around the edges.' The girl's changing room is decked out almost like a teenage bedroom, with *Friends* posters on the walls, while the men's changing room is decorated with vinyl records and cover art. Stuffy it is not – but that's not to say the classes themselves aren't top-notch and cutting-edge. Frank herself teaches the pioneering Glow Motion and Rebounce, mega energetic classes of her own devising that are sure to see you work up a sweat and come back for more.

The fact that the classes she offers encourage people to dance and to keep fit in a fun way makes Off the Rails stand out from the crowd. 'The music is really important,' she explains. 'Everything has a dance element to it, but if you're not a dancer it doesn't matter, because you don't really even realise you're dancing.'

Of her more unusual offerings, Highland Hustle ('hip hop and Scottish-infused fitness – bagpipes with beats') and Swing Train (inspired by the sounds of the Charleston, gospel, electro swing and jazz) are high on my list of new favourite ways to work out. For Frank, it's crucial that teachers are passionate, and always encouraging and pushing participants. 'It's really important that their personality shines through,' she explains. 'You could have a fantastic class, but if the teacher isn't any good it kind of brings the whole thing down.'

One of her own favourite classes is the popular burlesque. 'The routines aren't particularly aerobic, but because you're tensing everything it's really good for posture, and for toning absolutely everything.' It's also a great way to build confidence and embrace your inner sass. 'You just forget where you are,' enthuses Frank. 'The freestyle section is a moment to yourself where you can dance like nobody's watching.' All the classes are open to all levels, except hip hop on Tuesdays and Sundays, which is intermediate. 'It can be daunting to walk into a studio and get stuck in, so the whole idea is to have a community feel.'

As well as the high-octane classes, there's also both yin yoga and flow yoga on offer. The 7:30am flow class is also surprisingly popular with commuters as a way to wake themselves up for the day. Sign us up…

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THUNDERING SMOKE

A magical long weekend safari taking in the sights and sounds of both Zimbabwe and Botswana is now within your grasp

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

They say an elephant never forgets. Likewise, the sight of the mighty Victoria Falls – known as mosi-oa-tunya, or 'the smoke that thunders', for the mists that gather around the rapids – is not an experience I'm ever likely to forget. Neither is the sight of dazzles of zebras, ranks of impalas and the rather aptly named 'congresses' of baboons that are so abundant in the wildlife-rich parks of Zimbabwe and Botswana. Nor is the moment I finally spotted a lion enjoying the shade of a baobab tree.

Happily, thanks to the new Victoria Falls International Airport, these bucket list experiences are set to become more accessible to us Brits as we begin to take up a larger percentage of Zimbabwe's tourism industry. Even for those with only a long weekend to spare, it's doable. That said, it's a long flight, and on arriving at the luxurious Victoria Falls Safari Club, I was grateful for the opportunity to relax on the game-viewing deck, and to fill up on ostrich carpaccio and warthog steak at the MaKuwa-Kuwa restaurant – all the while able to watch the animals gather (the lodge itself conveniently overlooks a busy watering hole).

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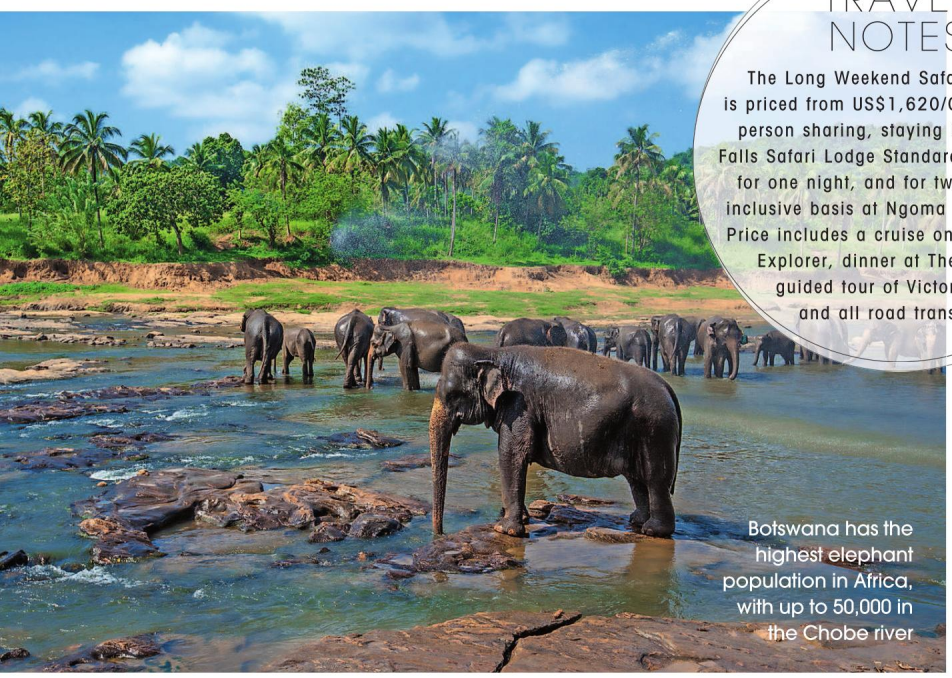
Next up on our list after a glorious sleep was a canopy tour with activity specialists Wild Horizons (enjoyable even if, like me, you are faint-hearted when it comes to heights and adrenalin-inducing activities) with stunning views of the Zambezi River, which straddles Zimbabwe and Botswana, followed by a leisurely guided tour of the mighty waterfalls themselves. It's best to go early, we realised, before it gets too hot. The more adventurous can have a go at white water rafting and more hardcore high wires, such as the infamous Flying Fox.

After all of that excitement, we gratefully took the time to kick back, sip cocktails and relax with the Zambezi Explorer Cruise Company, spotting a few hippos along the way. With the sun setting, spirits high and appetites worked up again, it was soon time to don a traditional African sarong (a 'chitenge') and face paint to feast on smoked crocodile tail, kudu stew and buffalo

TRAVEL NOTES

The Long Weekend Safari package is priced from US$1,620/GBP1,327 per person sharing, staying in a Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Standard Room (B&B) for one night, and for two on a fully inclusive basis at Ngoma Safari Lodge. Price includes a cruise on the Zambezi Explorer, dinner at The Boma, a guided tour of Victoria Falls and all road transfers.



Botswana has the highest elephant population in Africa, with up to 50,000 in the Chobe river

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The mighty Victoria Falls are all the more impressive from above

curry at La Boma – Dinner and Drum Show. Fêted as a must-do, drumming and dancing is compulsory, and there's even a fortune teller. Don't forget to try a Mopani worm – it tastes better than it sounds – and sample the traditional fermented beverage, made with local grain sorghum (regretfully not a beer that my own taste buds are developed for). Hangovers banished the next morning, it was time for another tour of the Falls – from above. A long, scenic helicopter flight with Bonisair was an idyllic finale to our stay in Victoria Falls before we headed across the border to Botswana.

The oasis of Ngoma Safari Lodge, with its individual huts and private suites, was our abode for the next leg of the trip. The incredible location overlooking the Chobe floodplain gave us the chance to get down to some serious safari. They don't call it the Land of Giants for nothing. We watched some of the largest herds of elephants on earth take a dip (later, they even sneaked up to drink from our private plunge pools), headed off on thrilling night drives, dined on the deck and woke to the African sunrise. What could be more magical – and unforgettable – than that?

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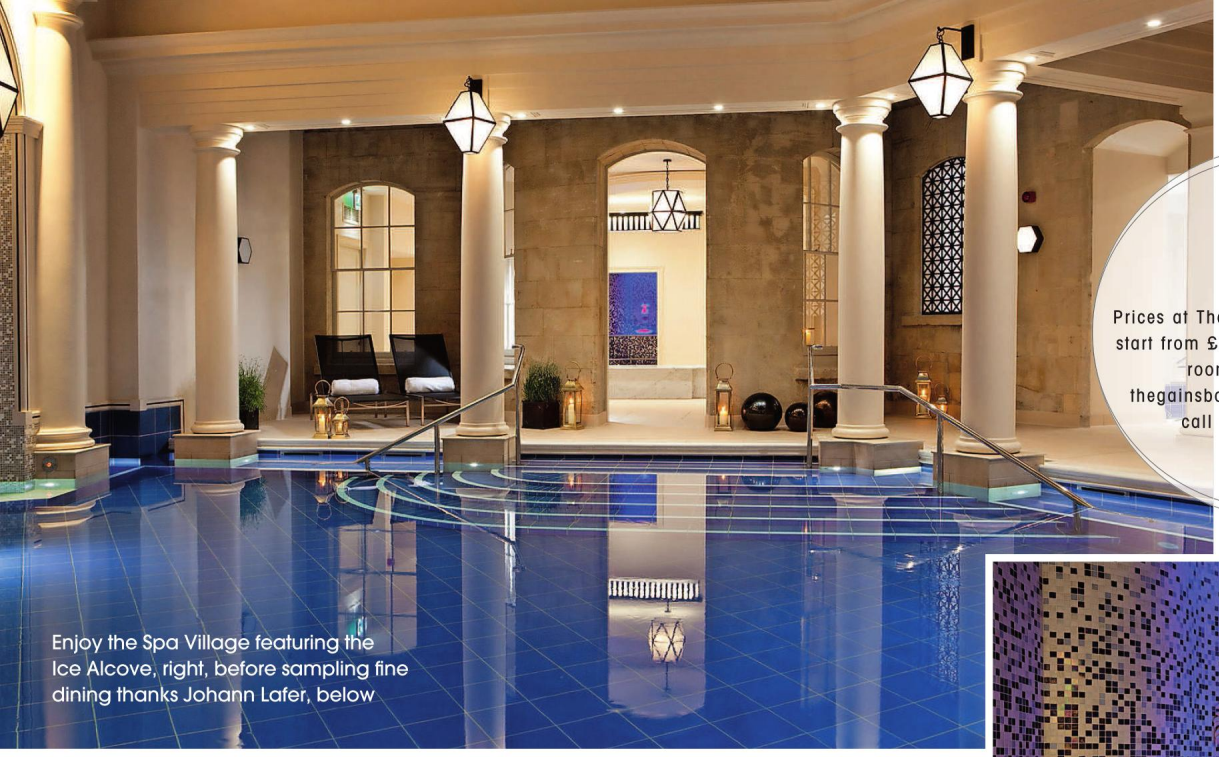

Enjoy the Spa Village featuring the Ice Alcove, right, before sampling fine dining thanks Johann Lafer, below

FACT BOX

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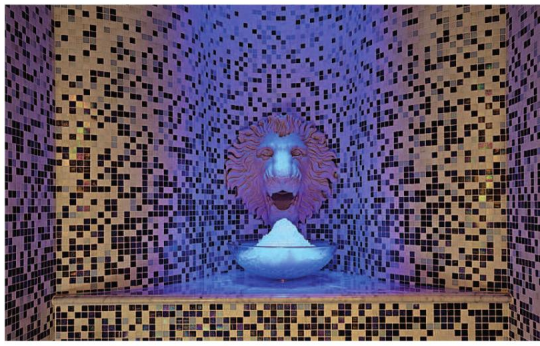

WHEN *in* BATH

Indulge like the Romans did at The Gainsborough Bath Spa

Words MARK KEBBLE

I feel like a little kid again. I am in one of the relaxation pools at the Spa Village of The Gainsborough Bath Spa and I can't stop pressing the button to bring a torrent of water down on my shoulders and head. It's like every amazing neck massage I have ever had in my lifetime all wrapped up in one.

When I eventually leave the spa some three hours later, I feel well and truly shattered. It's quite the experience following the Bath House Circuit: a ritualised self-guided tour of the thermal baths, akin to the great Roman tradition. En-route you can indulge in a Tatami Room, a Fountain Room, traditional and infrared saunas, steam room and – the most intriguing of the lot – an ice alcove.

It's one element of The Gainsborough Bath Spa that really makes it stand out, having the unique privilege of being the only hotel in the UK to host a natural thermal spa benefitting from Bath's mineral-rich waters. Originally built in the 1800s, and named after the artist Sir Thomas Gainsborough, the hotel occupies two Grade II listed buildings with distinguished Georgian and Victorian façades in the heart of the World Heritage Site of Bath. Everything about it fits this wonderful city like a glove.

From the moment you enter the opulent lobby, the service you receive is exemplary. From tips on what to see and help booking a table at one of Bath's finest restaurants, nothing is too much trouble. There are 99 guest rooms and suites; ours was compact but extremely comfortable, featuring period detailing.

Although there is plenty to see and do in Bath – it truly is one of the UK's most beautiful and fascinating cities – you'd be hard pushed to drag yourself away from The Gainsborough Bath Spa. On our first night there, we started with cocktails in The Gainsborough Bar, before dinner in the restaurant overseen by acclaimed chef Johann Lafer. Known for his 'dining without borders' approach, this was Asian cooking of the highest order.

YTL Hotels' first UK outpost, this five star experience is arguably the icing on the Bath cake. I have always felt the city had everything, but The Gainsborough Bath Spa have taken things up a notch. It's essentially the 21st century version of how the Romans lived – and I loved every minute of it.

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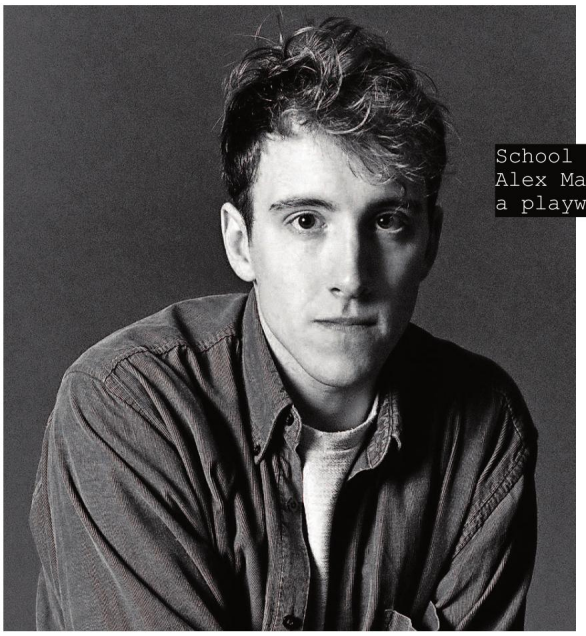
ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

How a Southfields-based playwright is using theatre to explore issues in education

Words MADELEINE HOWELL



School Play will mark Alex MacKeith's debut as a playwright

This month will see the curtain rise for Southfields resident and dramatist Alex MacKeith's professional theatre debut as a playwright at the Southwark Playhouse. *School Play* is a sharp drama set against the backdrop of an educational system in turmoil, and asks what it means to be a primary school teacher in Britain today. The script tackles the issue of inequality in education, and explores the interplay between the consumer model of private education versus state education.

It's a timely topic, and the audience can expect to watch three characters with opposing views. 'The characters approach education from different perspectives and employ very different techniques, and there are clashes,' says MacKeith, who draws from his own experience working alongside a primary school tutor to help pupils to consolidate their reading, writing and arithmetic.

Another thing he sought to explore was the generational gap between dogged educational professionals that have been in the system for a long time, compared with those who are brand new, bright-eyed and full of idealism. 'I want audiences to see teachers in a different light, to think about the tutoring industry, and the fact that it's growing at a really rapid rate,' he explains. 'I also want people to argue. I don't want brawling in the streets, but I don't want complacency either.'

The arguably detrimental effects of the emphasis placed on exam results in education today is a key part of the plot. 'My own opinions shine through,' MacKeith admits, 'although they're far from set. What I would say is that working towards targets doesn't always mean that people can innovate and it puts a lot of undue pressure on kids at a time when education should be about exploration, enjoyment, dialogue, and freedom of expression.'

Theatre gives voices to attitudes and perspectives that people don't encounter

Presented in association with theatre company, Antic Face, the play has been directed by co-artistic director Charlie Parham following on from the company's inaugural sell-out production, *Hippolytos*, at the Victoria and Albert Museum. 'Charlie Parham's sense of aesthetics has been instrumental,' says MacKeith. 'He has a really clear idea of how he wants a play to look and feel.'

Having started out in the Cambridge Footlights himself, Mackeith has written and performed sketches at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival including the sell-out 2013 show *Dressing Down*, as well as performing regularly in venues such as The Comedy Store, Backyard Comedy Club and the Camden Comedy Club, so the stage is a big part of MacKeith's life. Would he say that theatre itself is a crucial aspect of a child's education? 'Theatre gives voice to attitudes and perspectives that people don't necessarily encounter in their normal lives,' MacKeith reflects. 'It encourages play, and thinking outside of normal institutional structures. It's the perfect forum in which to mount an interrogation.' Book a few seats now, and don't miss the opportunity to get to the heart of the debate from the stalls.

1–25 February, Southwark Playhouse, 77–85 Newington Causeway SE1 6BD; southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

BEST PRACTICE

A new year means students all over London will be starting to prepare for forthcoming exams. Help is at hand...

Words BELLA AUDSLEY

AHEAD OF AN EXAM

Visualisation
This is a powerful psychological technique that can be used to enhance positive feelings and diminish the negative ones. This strategy is employed for many purposes, particularly with sports players and performers who are working towards a specific goal. In the context of exams, you can imagine a positive outcome where you see yourself achieving success.

Practice, practice, practice
Getting used to exam technique is an invaluable way to prepare for exams. Managing your time effectively and writing for long periods under timed conditions are skills that require training. Handwriting requires you to use muscles and, if not properly exercised, can tire easily. You want to be able to focus on answering the questions, not your hand cramping! One of the most important areas to focus on is making sure you practice your timings and when to move on to new sections of an exam.

Facing fears
It can be helpful to confront some of your concerns about the exam by making a spider diagram that identifies a solution for each fear or worry.

The power of sleep
A good night's sleep before the exam is essential, however it is also important to establish a sensible pattern and routine in the lead up to the exam. On average, children and teenagers aged between seven and 18 years of age require 9-10 hours sleep a night.

Bring the necessary materials
Having your pencil case and bag packed before going to bed avoids panic the next day and allows you more time for a calm breakfast.

DAY OF THE EXAM

Sunny side up
A healthy breakfast helps to set students up for success. Last year, an Australian survey of teachers revealed that skipping breakfast can cause students to lose two hours of learning a day due to the lack of concentration. Porridge is a hearty and nutritious option in winter. Try to include some protein in there as well: eggs are a fantastic way to start the day.

Manage your time
Keeping a watchful eye on the clock will allow you to ensure that you have enough time to answer all the questions.

Read each question as carefully as possible
Students can often miss out on marks because they have overlooked key details or misread instructions. It is a good idea to highlight or underline key words in the question.

And breathe
Mindfulness can provide students with the tools to reduce anxiety and improve concentration through simple breathing and meditation exercises.

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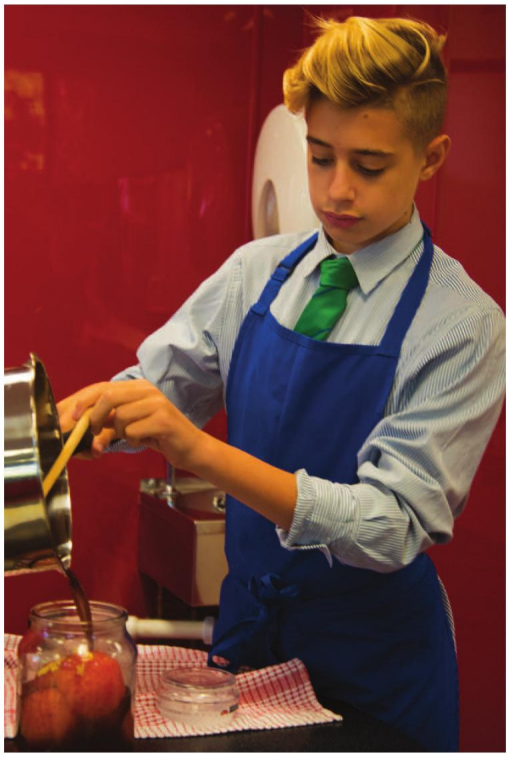

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YOUNG *at* HEART

Tine Farstad, founder of the popular Mummy in the City blog, has plenty of fun planned for all the family at half-term this month

Words MADELEINE HOWELL

What led you to set up Mummy in the City? I used to work as a full-time journalist and I wanted to keep writing on maternity leave. I also used to have a travel blog, and although we all had the intention to keep travelling after having a baby, I realized a lifestyle blog would be a better fit!

What have been the biggest highlights of your blogging journey so far? I was thrilled to be on The Resident's list of London's best lifestyle bloggers in 2016. For the family, however, the highlights have been the opportunity to experience what London has to offer in a unique way.

What is it that makes south west London so special for young families? I was asked to write five things I loved about raising my family in south west London last year, and my top five are: first-rate nurseries and schools; amazing kids private members' clubs; a range of local playgrounds; award-winning theatre productions and theatres dedicated to entertaining children; and lots of opportunities for indoor activities, including places for pottery painting and biscuit decorating, as well as fantastic family-friendly restaurants.

How long have you lived in the area? I've lived in south west London for 12 years, starting in Pimlico and we're now in Fulham.

What are your favourite spots for activities in Fulham and Battersea? We regularly go to Harbour Club, which is great for families, as there is a fun waterfall pool and 15 tennis courts. The membership club is popular with families because of its crèche, and range of activities on offer for children of different ages. There's also a gym floor I'm planning on making my way onto this year! For drop-in classes, I like the chic children's boutique, café and workshop venue Cuckoo Hibou on the New King's Road. Cuckoo Hibou offers a variety of classes that can be booked on the go, which is ideal for families who don't want to commit to a full term.

Where are your favourite places to eat? As a family, we regularly eat out for breakfast and favourite breakfast spots include St Clements in Parsons Green, and the Ivy Chelsea Garden in Chelsea. If we're out for an early dinner or lunch in Chelsea, my daughter loves going to Goat on Fulham Road, which has a brilliant Sunday kids' club. A different entertainer keeps the kids entertained every week. For date night, Koji in Parsons Green is a favourite, and I also love the relaxed Sands End pub in Fulham, which has a seasonal menu.

What have been your other top finds so far? I discovered pottery café Sammy Duder after being invited to a blog event there many years ago, and I've continued to collaborate with the lovely Sammy, who has a friendly and welcoming studio on Webb's Road in Battersea. I love their writing service, which I think makes pottery the kids paint look even more special. The framed clay imprints they

TINE FARSTAD'S TOP THINGS TO DO

GET ACTIVE

Clip n' Climb in Chelsea, Chel-Ski and Go-Ape are all fantastic offerings for active families who want their children to gain new skills and a sense of achievement, while building confidence at the same time. The area also has brilliant playgrounds, particularly in Battersea Park and Bishop's Park.

MEET ANIMALS

The youngest will enjoy a day out at Battersea Park Zoo, which also has a fun playground, and I also keep renewing my membership to London Zoo, as I think we're so lucky to have a world class zoo in the middle of the city. In addition, I regularly take the kids to farms around London and beyond.

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INTRODUCE YOUR BABY TO WATER

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I have met so many inspirational, kind, friendly and hard working London mums

Below is Cuckoo Hibou

offer make memorable wall decorations.

In addition, I really like The Parent Practice, which I've collaborated with for several years now. Their workshops help me to be the best possible parent to my children. The Parent Practice offers in-person courses and workshops in south west London, as well as online courses for busy parents. After going to one of their sessions, I always return home with new ideas I can put into practice straight away.

Where do you most like to go away on holiday with your family? We regularly travel to Norway to see family. I love it that we can stay in the capital, but still go skiing. When we go between December and March, I try to ensure my daughter can go to ski school, as well as try tobogganing and ice skating. We also typically travel to the South of France three times a year for the sunny weather, delicious food, charming villages and great beaches. My other favourite holiday destination is the US. I grew up travelling to Florida regularly, so I can't wait to take both kids to Disney World.

What are you most looking forward to getting up to with your family in February and over half-term in particular? I love introducing the children to new activities over half-term. If we're in London during a school holiday, it's a fantastic opportunity for them to try classes that they don't do during the school term, but I try to be careful not to sign them up to too much to tire them out. Last year, my daughter tried football with Little Foxes Club. It was a great way to get us outdoors. She's also enjoyed tennis holiday camps with Teddy Tennis and Henry Lamb Tennis, and art holiday workshops at Kite Studios.

Is there quite a close-knit community of south west London mums? I've met so many inspirational, kind, friendly and hard working London mums over the years, and some of our best friends are those we have met through our children.

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In a dynamic city like London, the architecture is constantly changing – discover in this month's news pages how the capital's homes have developed over the past century, it makes fascinating reading. Over a somewhat shorter period as Property Editor, I have followed the patterns of the London residential scene with great interest. This issue will be my last but I can guarantee the city's property market will continue to enthral me for a long time to come.

Karen

Karen Tait, Property Editor

Editor's pick: Generously arranged over four floors, this refurbished four-bedroom home on Gavelston Road, SW15, has the benefit of a separate studio/summer room: £2.35m (Foxtons, 020 8355 1000)

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Developer Alchemi Group, working with Openstudio Architects, has secured planning approval for the residential restoration of Westminster Fire Station. The Grade II listed building in Victoria will be part of a mixed-use development comprising two buildings and providing 17 luxury apartments, a restaurant and a refurbished garden courtyard. The £13.5m restoration includes the demolition of the modern rear building and its replacement with a hand-made brick residential building that has been carefully designed to complement the grandeur and heritage of the listed front building. Remaining original period features will be refurbished throughout. The former fire station was built in 1906 from red brick with a Portland stone base typical of the period; it was decommissioned in January 2014. A provisional completion date has been set for October 2018.
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Making an entrance

London Square has unveiled a magnificently restored marble hall as the grand entrance at The Star and Garter, Richmond Hill – one of the capital's most historic landmarks where the view sweeping down over the Thames is considered so beautiful it is the only one in England protected by an Act of Parliament.

The latest launch of apartments includes the penthouse collection (prices from £2.95m), offering panoramas of the River Thames and 2,500 acres of Richmond Park, London's largest Royal Park.

The development offers a lifestyle akin to a boutique hotel or private club, from the impressive marble hall and grand staircase to the listed Italianate gardens, and concierge service from Harrods. Meanwhile, the stunning King's Room, with its original parquet flooring, ornate mouldings and fireplaces, is now an opulent spa, pool and fitness suite.

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Celebrating London's architectural heritage

Past and present

A fascinating insight into how London's housing has evolved through the ages has been revealed with Knight Frank's latest report. Using housing data from the past 120 years, the interactive online tool brings to life the housing history of 14 of the capital's most notable areas, from central hotspots like Kensington and Chelsea, Wandsworth and Lambeth to outlying districts such as Harrow and Barking and Dagenham. They showcase the dramatic changes in the particular boroughs, while also highlighting their significance to the overall landscape of London's housing. You can discover the distinctive architectural styles that have characterised the individual boroughs along with fascinating facts – did you know, for instance, that Westminster's Eyre Street was reportedly the first part of London, and indeed any other town, to abandon the terrace house in favour of the semi-detached villa?

Find out more at knightfrank.co.uk/residential/age-of-housing-stock-in-london

Greville Place, St John's Wood, on the market with Knight Frank

HIP *to be* SQUARE

Londoners are set to benefit from new public spaces across the capital

Words FIONA BRANDHORST

It seems that every corner of the capital is under construction as a host of impressive development schemes continue to launch this year creating new squares, gardens and plazas. And we can all share in their success as many include public realm initiatives from breakout gardens to commissioned artwork set to benefit not only the new residents, but also existing neighbours and those working nearby.

Developed by Berkeley Homes and designed by Foster+Partners, South Quay Plaza at the heart of Canary Wharf is set to be one of the UK's tallest residential schemes and will include a 68 storey tower and smaller 36 storey tower offering 888 properties together with cafés, shops and restaurants. The development's minimal footprint will open up over 1.6 acres of public space including a new dockside promenade and pocket park. The 56th floor residents' club lounge is complete with a bar, screening room, business lounge and an enormous terrace with outside bar and dining facilities. The first phase of one, two and three bedroom homes is expected to be completed in 2020 when price growth is forecast to reach 24%. Prices start from £675,000.

Barratt London's Aldgate Place will create 465 one, two and three-bedroom apartments and three and four-bedroom duplexes across four residential towers. Most homes have a private balcony or winter garden with views across the capital and over 50% of the development's footprint is dedicated to landscaped gardens and pedestrian streets, along with a four-star hotel, cafés, restaurants and shops.

'Aldgate Place will make the most of the vast untapped potential of the Whitechapel area,' says Gary Patrick, Regional Sales Director, Barratt London. 'We've seen considerable interest from owner occupiers, who want to live close to their work as well as the local entertainment cores of East London, and investors that are drawn to the area due to the capital growth Aldgate is expected to achieve.' Crossrail's arrival in 2018 has been tipped to support investment predictions as well as the area's ongoing regeneration. The three bedroom penthouse is priced at £2,550,000.

In ever popular Islington, over 60% of apartments have been sold at Islington Square, designed by award-winning architect Piers Gough of CZWG Architects. The combination of the restored former Edwardian post office buildings and new build studio, one, two and three bedroom homes are designed around a new central public boulevard. Apartments are for sale with Beauchamp Estates, Knight Frank and Savills, with prices starting from £715,000.

Down at Southbank Place facing the popular Jubilee Gardens, Belvedere Gardens will have stunning river views

Clockwise from bottom left: Islington Square will create a new public boulevard; the view from Belvedere Gardens; and South Quay Plaza will be one of the UK's tallest residential schemes

of the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. Developed by Canary Wharf Group and Qatari Diar, the 97 one, two and three bedroom apartments are split over 20 levels, including one three-bedroom duplex and two penthouses. Prices start from £1,050,000.

Residents will have access to a private lounge, leading to an opulent outdoor terrace, providing an intimate space for social gatherings and business meetings, as well as space for residents to entertain and relax. The exclusive health club, designed by one of London's leading interior designers Goddard Littlefair, includes a gym, sauna and a stunning relaxation lounge.

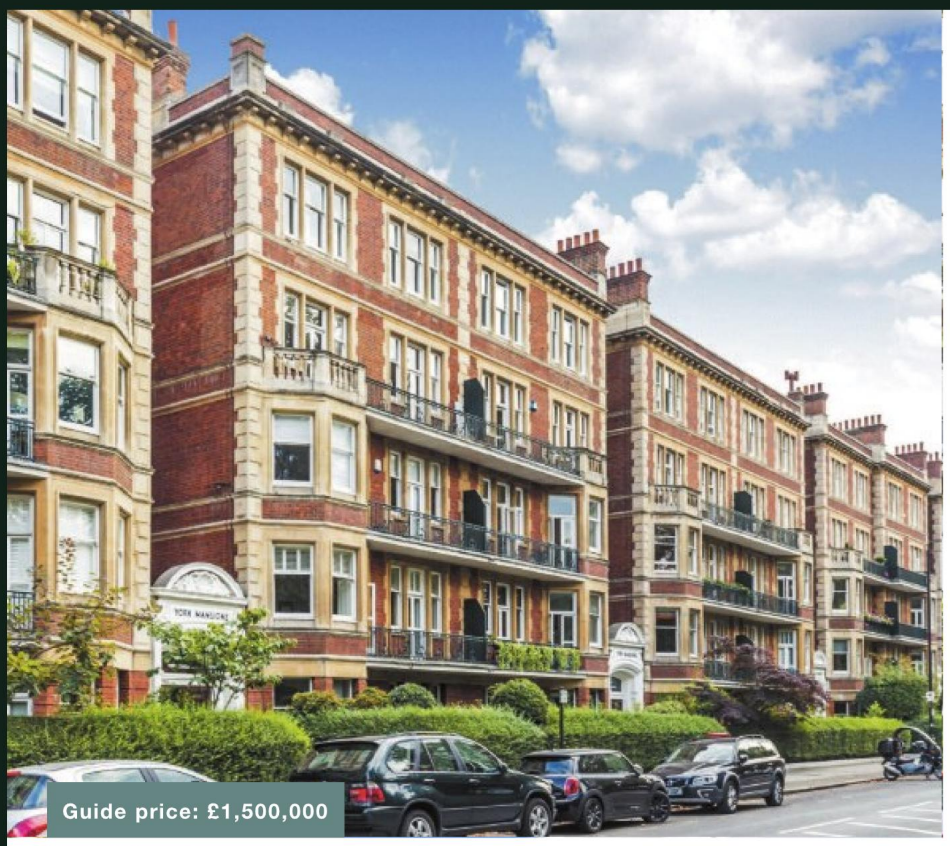
Sir George Iacobescu, Chairman and CEO Canary Wharf Group, believes that the scheme will become a highly desirable place to live. 'Being close to the river and in the centre of London's cultural hub, the design and outstanding quality of Belvedere Gardens will not only promote a sense of wellbeing, it will combine the vibrant community with the creation of wonderful social spaces and intelligently designed gardens.'

Many public realm initiatives are set to benefit new residents and workers

Taking inspiration from the lawns and majestic trees of nearby Lincoln's Inn Fields, London's largest residential square, landscape architect Gustafson Porter, known for the Princess of Wales memorial in Hyde Park, has created a courtyard garden at the heart of a new residential development Lincoln Square by Lodha UK.

Comprising four North, East, South and West wings each with ten storeys, many of the studio and one to four bedroom apartments and penthouses have views of iconic London buildings including the Royal Courts of Justice and London School of Economics, and also has access to a 24-hour five star concierge.

Abhishek Lodha, Managing Director, Lodha Group, comments: 'Lincoln Square is a unique development that befits the area's impressive heritage. Through careful attention to detail and a focus on bringing residents together we hope to create a visionary scheme and community.' Prices range between £950,000 and £10m on the market with Knight Frank and CBRE.



Guide price: £1,500,000

York Mansions, SW11

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Clapham Common North Side features lots of space and stunning views

MY MONTH

Robert French, Partner at Knight Frank Clapham, on an enterprising start to 2017

What has been the most challenging aspect of your month?
It would be fair to liken the market to the curates egg; whilst it has been exceptional in parts there are still price ranges that are stuttering following the political uncertainty of 2016 and the changes in Stamp Duty. There are undoubtedly opportunities in the market, and as we move closer to Brexit negotiations I believe that excellent presentation and sensible pricing will be key to achieving the best price for your home.

Describe an exceptional property that has come on to the market...
There are several new properties that have come to market that I could talk about here. My favourite has to be a wonderful house on Clapham Common North Side that has undergone a root and branch renovation. It is finished to exacting standards throughout, offers nearly 4,000 sq ft of accommodation, including the best basement conversion I have seen, and enjoys commanding south facing views over the Common.

Has anything surprised you this month?
The most surprising part of my month has been how quickly the pick-up has been since returning from the festive break. The usual 'turkey hangover' seemed to disperse straight away and we have been busy with new properties and new buyers. I believe that this continuation from last year's market conditions are down to demand still outstripping supply for quality family homes.

What has been your personal highlight?
My highlight has to be the attending the unveiling of the grand marble hall at The Star and Garter in Richmond. We had the opportunity to view of a collection of art produced for VIEWS, an art initiative where 50 artists have been commissioned to capture the views to and from The Star and Garter over the Thames and Richmond Park. The proceeds of the sale of the art will help to support medical care for the elderly in the local community by the Richmond-based Victoria Foundation.

What is your current favourite local lunch spot?
I was lucky enough to be invited to a lunch at Trinity in Clapham Old Town and it was fantastic. They have an exciting and varied lunch menu and the whole experience is flawless; it is no wonder they have recently been awarded a Michelin star.

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Revelstoke Road,
SW18
£1,500 per month

A two bedroom house conversion on The Grid in Southfields SW18, 0.5 miles from Southfields tube station. Comprises one double bedroom with fitted wardrobe; one single bedroom; three piece bathroom suite; separate lounge; and kitchen leading onto the rear garden through the utility room. With storage space and local amenities such as Sainsbury's Local. Energy Efficiency Rating: D

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Weimar Street,
SW15
£1,675 per month

A newly refurbished home situated off Putney High Street. Comprising master bedroom with double bed, bedside tables and built in wardrobe; double bedroom with built in wardrobe; living room with two sofas, dining table and chairs; separate kitchen with fridge freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, electric hob and oven; and a brand new bathroom with three piece suite. Energy Efficiency Rating: C

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Frogmore,
SW18
£1,450 per month

A newly decorated ground floor apartment in a gated development in Wandsworth town. Comprising double bedroom with built in wardrobe and double bed; second double bedroom; living room with sofa, dining table and chairs; separate kitchen with gas hob, electric oven and washing machine; and a brand new bathroom. Further benefits from communal gardens. Energy Efficiency Rating: E

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How will south west London's property market fair post-Brexit?

Last year was largely defined by one story: Brexit. This led to a lot of 'what if' questions, not least of all in the property market. Uncertainty affects confidence, and when confidence dips the property market wobbles. But was it simply a wobble or something more significant?

Let's get one thing straight: Brexit hasn't happened yet. Any impact around the time of the vote was simply a blip. As March approaches, however, and Article 50 is triggered, questions may arise again.

The property market remains stable and London enjoyed house price inflation of 5% in 2016. We don't believe this will alter significantly this year and, in fact, the continued lack of availability and low interest rates will almost certainly guarantee price increases.

In south west London family homes offering outside space and good transport links remain hugely popular and as we firmly believe that the property market is best entered with a long-term view, there's no doubting these properties remain solid investments.

Hassocks Road is an ideal opportunity for a family or a couple looking for more space

As long as you approach the market for the right reasons, there's little to be concerned about

Hassocks Road SW13
£475,000
A 1930's semi-detached house ideal for a growing family or a couple in need of extra space. The two double bedrooms on the first floor of the property contain inbuilt wardrobes, the third bedroom in the property also has a storage cupboard. The property has an opportunity to be extended at the rear end and on the roof of the property (subject to planning permission). **020 8764 8445; andrewsonline.co.uk**

Norbury, where we launched last year, is particularly popular in this respect.

In the buy-to-let market, last year's introduction of a 3% stamp duty hike on the purchase of second homes was intended to stem growth. And yes, it has perturbed some investors, but the reality is that demand for rental properties, especially in south west London which attracts both families and professionals, remains popular with investors.

2016 brought a few more surprises than we expected, but it's our feeling that the immediate future remains positive, and so long as you approach the market for the right reasons, there's little to be concerned about.

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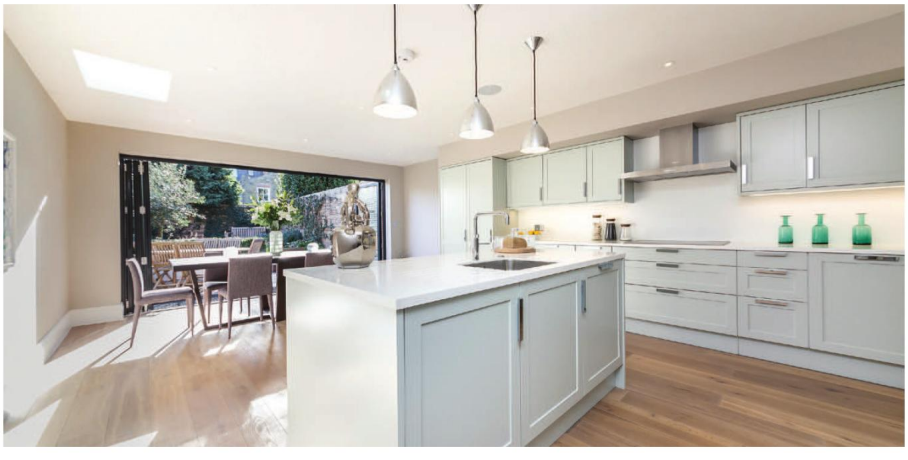

Queensmill Road, SW6

£2,499,950

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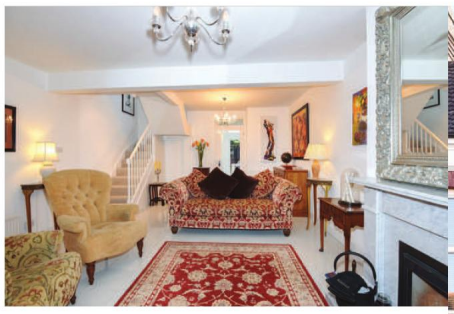

Montford Place, SE11

£1,250,000

A three bedroom Grade II listed Georgian house which is beautifully presented throughout and extended to the rear with a fabulous kitchen/dining room. Kennington, Vauxhall and Oval underground stations are easily accessible as are various, shops, cafes and bars in Kennington, energy rating d.

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£3,750,000

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£950 per week

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Woolneigh Street , SW6

£850 per week

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Clapham Common South Side, SW4

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Heathview Court, SW19

A two bedroom ground floor apartment in a development on Wimbledon Parkside.
Reception room, kitchen, master bedroom, double bedroom, family bathroom, separate shower room; private patio area leading onto communal gardens, allocated residents parking. EPC rating E

£449,950 Leasehold

Havelock Road, SW19

A four bedroom Victorian house located 0.2 miles from Haydons Road station.
Reception room with feature fireplace, kitchen/dining/family room with glazed doors opening to the garden, en suite master bedroom, 2 double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, cloakroom; garden. EPC rating D

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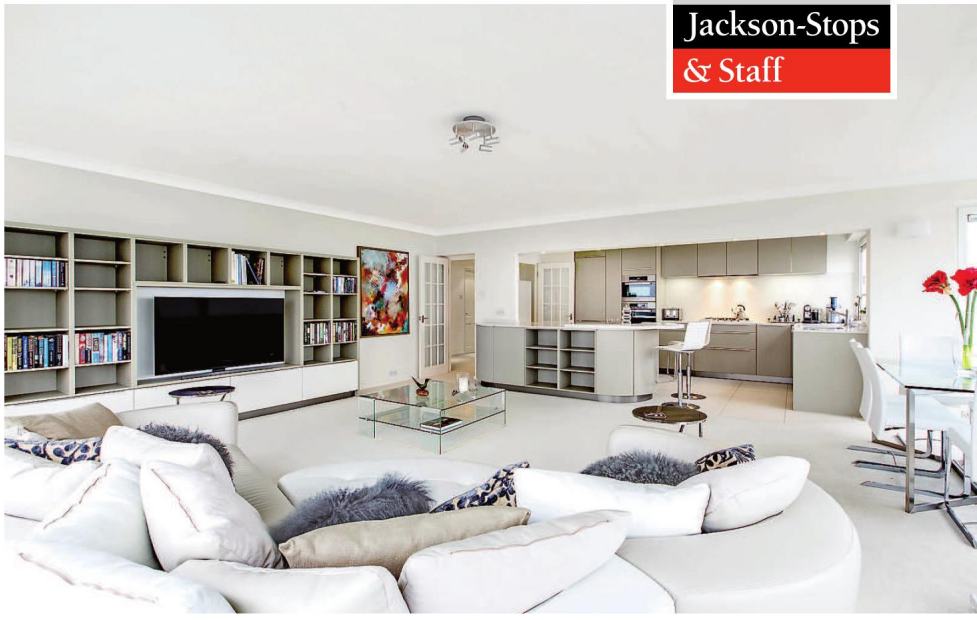

Somerset House, SW19

A top (10th) floor apartment with a private balcony providing views over the All England Lawn Tennis Club and towards the City of London. Open plan kitchen/reception room with balcony and dual aspect windows to the south and west, double bedroom with en suite shower room, further double bedroom, bathroom; underground parking. EPC rating E

£995,000 Share of Freehold

Lansdowne Road, SW20

A linked-detached three bedroom Coach House with a south-west facing garden and off street parking.
Kitchen/dining room, reception room leading onto a conservatory and in turn onto the garden, 3 bedrooms (1 with en suite shower room), family bathroom. No onward chain. EPC rating F

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Burghley Court, SW19

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£3,350 pcm (*fees apply)

Copse Hill, SW20

A five bedroom property located 0.8 miles from Raynes Park station.
Kitchen/breakfast room, 2 reception rooms, master bedroom with en suite shower room, 3 further double bedrooms, 2 further bathrooms, utility room, cloakroom; private garden, off street parking. EPC rating F

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Is it time to reform the property tax regime?

Although 2016 delivered a number of political surprises, the UK economy has shown tremendous resilience. However, the one issue that continues to exert influence on the property market is property taxes.

During his time as Chancellor, George Osborne engineered a series of property tax reforms. These reforms included the removal of the slab system, so that stamp duty is now paid on the amount above certain thresholds, rather than one rate on the total amount; changes to restrict the relief on finance costs to which individual landlords of residential property are entitled; and the introduction of the 3% surcharge for those purchasing second homes.

Whilst the change to the slab system, which also resulted in a higher SDLT liability for people purchasing property for over £1m, originally played into Mr Osborne's narrative that 'those with the biggest shoulders should bear the heaviest load', they have since been viewed by some as an assault on purchasers of prime residential property.

Cuts to finance relief for landlords has led to a decline in the number of landlords buying investment properties and it has been suggested that the changes may result in increased rents for tenants.

The introduction of the 3% surcharge for people buying second homes has made buying an investment or an additional property more expensive, and could exacerbate the housing crisis.

Many commentators were hopeful that the current Chancellor, Philip Hammond, would use the Autumn Statement to reverse some, or all, of Mr Osborne's reforms but any such change failed to materialise. There is now a growing chorus of voices calling on Mr Hammond to take action in this year's Budget.

Whether Mr Hammond will accede to such demands remains to be seen. What is clear, however, is that prudent purchasers and landlords should seek professional advice to assess the implications of the current tax regime on their portfolio and consider any action they may wish to take without delay.

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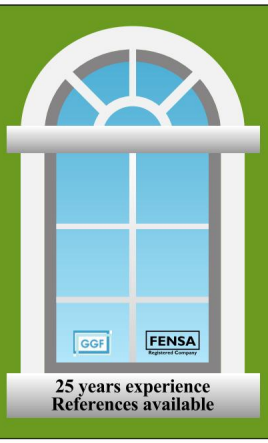

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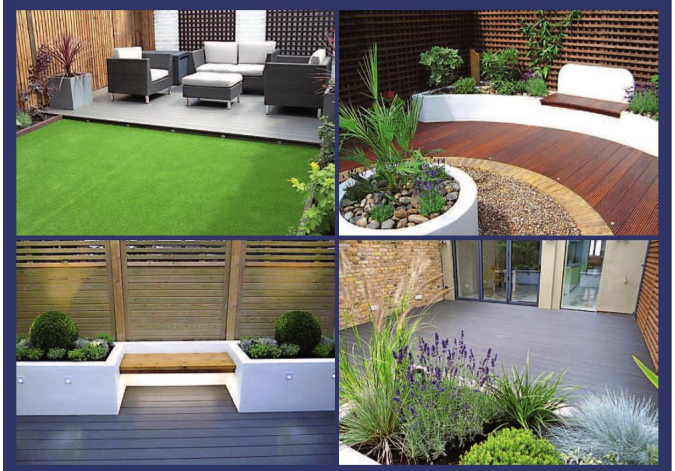

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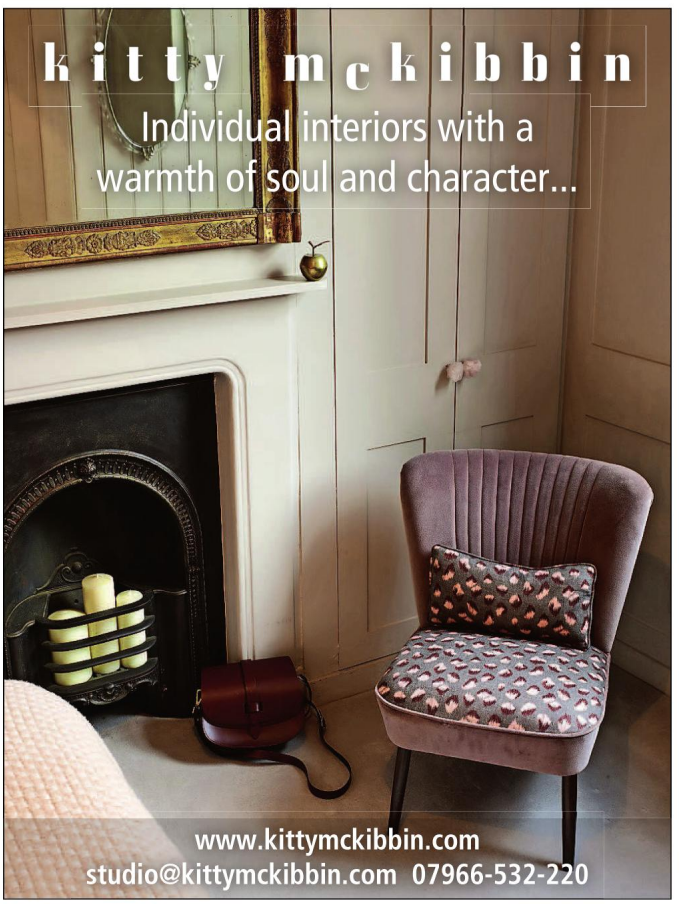

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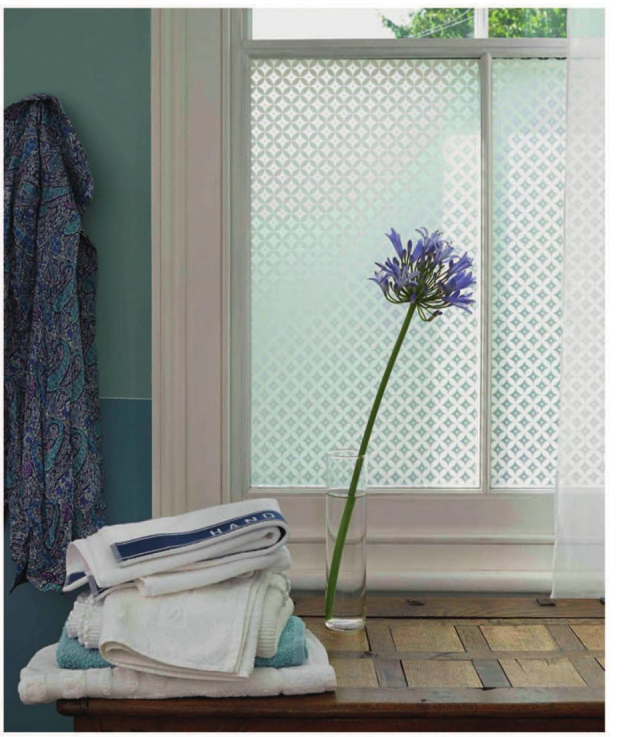

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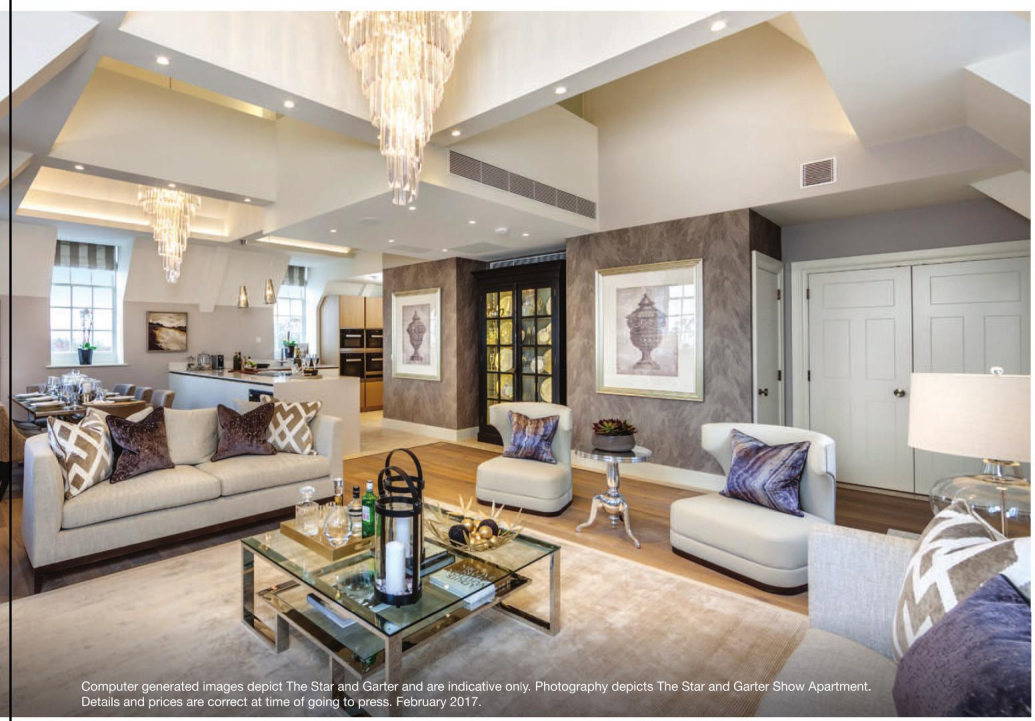
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